

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla.

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Candy Gilliland, Karma Wells, Kathryn Sellars.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2022, AGENDA

Shay moved to approve the May 3, 2022, Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2022, MINUTES

Baucke moved to approve the April 19, 2022, Minutes. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke). Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ROUTE 36 LLC DBA CORNER STEAKHOUSE - LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated she has received the necessary paperwork and all requirements have been met to issue a liquor license for Route 36, LLC DBA Corner Steakhouse. Public hearing was opened. Hearing no discussion, public hearing was closed. Baucke moved to approve the liquor license for Route 36, LLC DBA Corner Steakhouse. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **RESOLUTION #7, SERIES OF 2022, (APPOINTMENT OF WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that she prepared Resolution #7, Series of 2022, to appoint representatives and alternates to the Water Authority Board according to the Council Committee List. The Resolution appoints Mayor Pro-Tem Shay and City employee, Eric Metcalfe as the representatives and Mayor Swehla and Manager Moore as the alternates. McClung moved to approve the appointments. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstains (Shay and Swehla). Motion carried.
- C. **APPOINTMENT OF LANDFILL REPRESENTATIVES – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that the Council Committee List appoints Mayor Pro-Tem Shay and City employee, Blake Sewell as representatives and Mayor Swehla and Manager Moore as alternates to the Landfill Board. She stated that the landfill appointments do not require a resolution. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the appointments as presented. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstains (Shay and Swehla). Motion carried.
- D. **RESOLUTION #8, SERIES OF 2022, (APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL PLAN, COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN STUDY FOR ELECTRIC RATES) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that Resolution #8, Series of 2022, is for the approval of an electric rate study to be conducted by

NMPP. This cost-of-service study is done every 5 years. The cost of the study is \$11,500, but MEAN will cover half of that, leaving the City's share at \$5,750. Shay moved to approve Resolution #8, Series of 2022. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- E. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR ANIMAL SHELTER – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that the Heart Strong 4-H Club held a fundraiser to raise money for the Animal Shelter. They would like to donate the proceeds in the amount of \$523.26. Shay moved to accept the donation from Heart Strong 4-H Club. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR COMMUNITY CENTER – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that BOCES would like to make a donation to the Community Center to be used for after school tutoring sessions. There will be 2 High School students providing tutoring from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. There will be adult supervision provided. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the donation from BOCES. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells presented Council with an additional list of bills. Baucke moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that the Jet A fuel was delivered. At the last meeting, he asked for approval for an amount not to exceed \$14,000. The price has since gone up, so he is now asking for approval for \$15,017.66 to pay for 2,981 gallons of Jet A fuel. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the purchase of the Jet A fuel. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore informed Council that the final bill to clean out the Jet A fuel tank came in at \$4,885.29.

The Cobblestone Inn is having their Grand Opening on Thursday, May 5, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m.

NECALG is hosting their annual meeting on Wednesday, May 18. Details were given at the last meeting. They would like a head count of who is attending.

This City will be hosting the CML Regional Meeting on May 26, at the golf course.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore informed Council that the Jet A fuel tank has been cleaned and the new fuel has been added. He has reached out to AV Fuel to see if we need to test the fuel.

Manager Moore gave an update on the faulty valve that needed to be replaced at the WWTP. The valve has been replaced and a concrete pad was laid to hold the manhole structure. We still don't know the final cost of this job, but it is estimated to be between \$45,000 to \$60,000. The bad news is that there is another valve on the other side and it will more than likely fail as well.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

None.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson stated that Cadet Forsythe graduated from the academy last week and passed the POST test today.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

DISCUSSION ON FAMILY LEAVE – KATHRYN SELLARS.

Attorney Sellars held a discussion with Council on the Family and Medical Leave Insurance program (FAMLI) which was passed by State of Colorado voters in 2020. Local Governments have the option to opt out of the program, but employees may choose to opt in. The deadline to opt out is June 30, 2022. If we opt out, a hearing needs to be held for employees. The consensus of Council is to start the opt-out process.

BUDGET DISCUSSION – SCOTT MOORE & KARMA WELLS.

Manager Moore stated that there had been a request to give more details on what budget projects we have for the next five years. Manager Moore and Clerk/Treasurer Wells put together a draft of a document giving that information to Council for review.

Manager Moore made a suggestion to have committee members sit in on the budget process for their departments so they can be involved and understand the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer