

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Baucke, Chrismer, McClung, Shay, Swehla. Ebersole had connection issues and was in and out of the meeting. Goeglein absent.

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there were no corrections or additions to the agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein will be absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

McClung moved to approve the June 3, 2020, Agenda as presented. Second by Chrismer. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chrismer moved to approve the May 19 and May 27, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke). Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. S.A.R.A. HOUSE DONATION – RON SWEHLA.** Mayor Swehla explained this is the Sexual Assault Response Advocates and they work with the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and law enforcement. There is \$500 in the budget for a donation. Baucke moved to approve a \$500 donation to S.A.R.A.House. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. FIRST READING ORDINANCE #5, SERIES OF 2020 (SEWER RATE) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore explained on December 3, 2019 Council voted to increase the sewer rates. When Ordinance #4 was just approved at the last meeting, it mistakenly had the wrong sewer rate. This would change the amount back to the rate voted on December 3, 2019. Swehla moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #5, Series of 2020. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. RESOLUTION #19, SERIES OF 2020 (DESIGNATING VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO CIRSA) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this is actually Resolution #19, the agenda has it as Resolution #18. This resolution appoints representatives to vote on CIRSA issues. The previous resolution appointed Manager Moore as the voting member and former Council Member McCall as the alternate voting member. Council can choose who they would like to list. Council Member McClung stated he would be willing to be the alternate CIRSA voting member. Swehla moved to approve Resolution #19, Series of 2020 with Scott

Moore as the voting member and Tim McClung as the alternate. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells listed additional bills that need approval to pay. Baucke moved to pay the bills. Second by Chrismer. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval of a purchase for a utility line locator. Two quotes were received. Quotes were from Ditch Witch for \$5,804 and Intermountain Sales for \$6,488. Baucke moved to approve the purchase from Ditch Witch for \$5,804. Second by Chrismer. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**CHANGING MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO NOVEMBER – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated she has talked with staff at each election about moving the election to November. To move the election, we would have to go to an election. Council Member's terms can not be shortened or lengthened during their term of office, therefore, there would not be a November election until 2025. We would continue to have April elections until that time. Clerk/Treasurer Wells covered the costs of elections. Discussion was held. Council's consensus was to work on changing the election to November.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

### **CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

Manager Moore stated Concrete Specialties is planning on starting the waterline replacement project on Monday. We were going to start on this project last year, but Concrete Specialties had asked us to delay this due to a project they were working on in Sterling. Manager Moore will bring numbers to Council on this project.

We have had some citizens ask about potholes on Beatty. We will fill those with what we have and will get asphalt when the plant opens.

Manager Moore asked about setting up a workshop to discuss the budget and projects we have planned. Staff will work on setting up a workshop next week.

Mayor Swehla asked about code issues. Manager Moore stated our Code Enforcement Officer also does a few janitorial duties and disinfecting due to COVID. She has issued 118 notices of violation. In 2019, there were 417 total notices issued. Most notices have a 7 day time period. Discussion was held.

### **CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with a credit card usage report.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON**

Mayor Swehla asked about training with the new officers. Chief Thompson said they are doing well.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole thanked everyone, especially the Police, for everything last night. There was good police presence for the gathering.

### Shay

- Council Member Shay stated Mayor Swehla, Chief Thompson, and Manager Moore did a good job putting everything together for the gathering.

### Baucke

- Council Member Baucke voiced his concerns over Spring Clean Up and that people are putting out more items to be picked up after the city staff has passed their address.

### McClung

- Council Member McClung thanked the Police and Emergency Responders for their work on the gathering.
- Council Member McClung attended the Landfill and Yuma County Water Authority meetings. There is nothing to report on the Landfill side. The feasibility study was put on hold because the person doing the study came down with COVID. On the water side, Bonny Dam reclamation continues to move forward slowly.

### Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated in the CML newsletter they are looking for people to run for office.
- Mayor Swehla thanked Chief Thompson for putting together everything for the gathering. It all was peaceful.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chrismer moved to adjourn. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer