

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 P.M.**

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

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

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2022, AGENDA**

Shay moved to approve the June 7, 2022, Agenda. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2022, MINUTES**

McClung moved to approve the May 17, 2022, Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Smith-Dischner). Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #1, SERIES OF 2022 (ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, KNOWN AS THE HAMRICK/RINGLEIN ANNEXATION) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that this is the next step in the annexation process. Public hearing was opened. Hearing no discussion, public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading, Ordinance #1, Series of 2022. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **PUBLIC HEARING ON LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MEXSU LLC – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells asked that this be continued to the special meeting that will be held on June 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- C. **SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CHURCH ANNEXATION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that the site plan for the Church Annexation has been extended for 30 days. It was due on May 19 and has been extended to June 19. Kent & Scott Carlson were present to give a small presentation to Council and answer any questions they had. The name of the subdivision will be “Yuma Junction” and will have a diverse mix of product types, services and lot sizes. They are working on a website to market the property. Swehla moved to approve the site plan. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE #2, SERIES OF 2022 (AMENDING SECTION 9.08.030 (A)(4) OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING HARASSMENT) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars introduced Ordinance #2, Series of 2022, concerning harassment related to communication. It is recommended that we amend our code in accordance with a Supreme Court decision that was handed down. Smith-Dischner moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #2, Series of 2022. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE #3, SERIES OF 2022 (AMENDING SECTION 6.04 OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT PROCEDURES) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars introduced Ordinance #3, Series of 2022, concerning animal impoundment procedures. Attorney Sellars stated that they are recommending amendments to the code to help protect the City from liability. There are two main points in the ordinance. One provides for a hearing where the determination can be made that the animal be released until some kind of resolution is reached to help defray the fees and charges related to having the animal impounded. The second provides permission from the court before an animal can be moved or put down. Shay moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #3, Series of 2022. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **MOVE THE NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO JUNE 27, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M. – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that at the next regularly scheduled meeting, three will be absent attending the CML Conference, so we would like to change the meeting date to June 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Shay moved to approve the change in the next Council meeting date. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. There were bills to Council Members Frame, McClung and Shay to disclose.

Swehla moved to approve all bills with the exception of Frame and McClung. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Shay). Motion carried.

Swehla moved to approve the bills to Frame and McClung. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 4 ayes. 2 abstain (Frame, McClung). Motion carried.

H. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE**

Manager Moore is seeking approval for a Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) evaluation for the WWTP by Diamondback Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$18,500. McClung moved to approve the TDS evaluation by Diamondback Engineering. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore stated that he is also seeking approval for the removal of biosolids at the WWTP. The biosolids have been there for three years and we have until July to get them removed. Denali Water Solutions would do the removal at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. McClung moved to approve the removal at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

The cardboard trailer which is very popular with the community, has been unavailable. The cardboard bailer at the Landfill should be fixed today and the trailer should be back in place soon.

The City crew has started crack filling. We predict that 6 blocks will be done this year due to the size of the cracks and the budgeted dollar amount.

The Yuma Museum donated 2 raised flower boxes to the Community Center. We would like to add more raised flower beds in addition to the donated ones. Thank you to the Museum!

There are four new bins at the Recycling Building. They have been getting used. We will be having a ceremony on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. We will also be doing a drawing for 3 small recycle bins.

Manager Moore provided Council with a proposal which would give a 30 day free pool pass for those who turn in a vape or other tobacco device. There were no objections from Council in doing this.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the February, 2022, Finance Report.

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

Chief Thompson provided Council with the April and May Police Report.

We are hosting Federal training in Yuma this week.

#### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

##### Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the electrical department meeting. They are conducting vision testing for meter reading and it is going well. They also discussed supply and demand issues.
- Council Member Frame also attended the water/wastewater department meeting. They discussed the north water tower project. It began over Memorial Day and is expected to take 40 days to complete. There should be no disruptions in water service. They are also experiencing supply and demand issues. There have been some complaints of white water, but it has nothing to do with the quality of the water. They are working to get that resolved. They are looking into the possibility of getting federal funds to be used for TDS.
- The airport sold 400 gallons of Jet A fuel. The south fence project is expected to begin in July.
- In updates from the Clerk's meeting, there is a new employee and Karma is working on the audit and budget items.
- Minutes from the YCED were included in the Council packets.

##### Shay

- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay attended the NECALG meeting. They gave a presentation and stated that they gave 52,125 bus rides in 2021. In the Meet and Eat program, 11,294 meals were served, which is up by 1,300.
- He also attended the Landfill Board meeting. They met at the Landfill and took a tour. They are doing training with employees. They have some equipment that has been sitting unused for years that they need to get rid of.
- At the Water Authority meeting, there is more money coming for the well retirement programs. They have 3,700 acres signed up and 6,000 acres pending.

##### Benish

- Council Member Benish attended both the electric and water/wastewater department meetings.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner attended the Fire Department committee meeting. They are having difficulties in getting equipment replaced. They are in need of a Rescue Truck which runs around \$400,000 and a City Pumper which runs around \$600,000. There are fewer grants available to volunteer fire departments to help purchase these items. In 2019, they were called out 100 times. In 2020 through the present, they have been called out 130 – 160 times per year.
- At the Ambulance department meeting, funding and staffing were discussed. At times they are unable to do transfers due to being short staffed. In regards to having an Ambulance District, that has to be initiated by a community member.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla attended the street and sanitation department meetings. He commended the street department for the job they are doing with only 3 employees. He also attended the airport and clerk department meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer