

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

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

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

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There was one change to the Agenda that was mailed out in the Council packets. The revised Agenda has been posted for the required 24 hours. Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated Council Members Baucke and Benish would be absent.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2022, AGENDA**

Shay moved to approve the July 19, 2022, Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 5, 2022, MINUTES**

Shay moved to approve the July 5, 2022, Minutes. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #4, SERIES OF 2022 (ZONE HAMRICK/RINGLEIN ANNEXATION) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore introduced the ordinance and stated that this is regarding a piece of land that was annexed into the City in June. The owners would like to have the property zoned as R-2. Shay moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #4, Series of 2022. Second by Swehla. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **DONATION REQUEST FOR S.A.R.A. HOUSE – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that he has received a donation request form from S.A.R.A. House. It is for \$500 for a team entrance fee for their golf tournament fundraiser. The City has participated in this tournament in the past. Frame moved to approve the \$500 donation to S.A.R.A. House. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **RESOLUTION #11, SERIES OF 2022 (LEASE WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO FOR THE LIBRARY) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that when the old City building at 910 S. Main St. was traded to Northeastern Junior College (NJC) in 2019, part of the agreement was for the City Library to be able to remain in their space in the building for a period of 3 years with no rent payment. That 3-year period has expired. NJC has drafted a lease agreement for the 6,952 square feet that the library occupies. The lease is a 5-year lease, with the option to renew, in the amount of \$2.50 per square foot, making the yearly cost \$17,380. Shay moved to approve Resolution #11, Series of 2022. Second by McClung. Question. 4 ayes. 1 abstain (Smith-Dischner due to a conflict of interest of managing the NJC Yuma Campus). Motion carried.
- D. **CONSIDERATION OF 2023 AMBULANCE PURCHASE – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore is revisiting from the last meeting, the discussion regarding the possible purchase of a new ambulance in 2023.

At this point, we are only looking for direction from Council to move forward with the grant process. No commitment for the purchase of an ambulance will be needed until a contract is presented. Swehla moved to work on the grant for the potential 2023 ambulance purchase. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- E. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OPT OUT OF LOCAL FUNDS OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that this topic has been discussed at a previous meeting. If the City accepts the local settlement money to battle the opioid crisis, it would amount to \$902 each year for a period of 18 years. The other option is to opt out of receiving the funds and having them put in the pool with the Region 4 Consortium. McClung moved to have the City of Yuma opt out of its local share of opioid settlement funds, forgo its direct payments and redirect these funds to its Region 4 Council. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk Treasurer Wells presented Council with an additional list of bills. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.**

Manager Moore presented a request on behalf of the Fire Department for the purchase of 10 hand held radios and 10 additional batteries. Two quotes were received: Collins Communications in the amount of \$17,896 and Radio Resource in the amount of \$17,119. Last year, the radios were purchased from Collins Communications and we were very pleased with the service that they provided. This is a 2022 budgeted item. McClung moved to approve the purchase of the radios from Collins Communications. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore stated that one of the aeration bridges at the WWTP has been having issues with the collector rings. They are 18 years old and have failed to the point that they can't be repaired. We have no choice but to purchase these as they are critical to the WWTP operation. We have received a quote from Parkson in the amount of \$17,973 for the parts and labor. Shay moved to approve the purchase of the collector rings. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore explained that the electric department is in need of 4 new transformers. We need 2 to replace some that recently failed. The other 2 would be for our stock. We are waiting for quotes to come in to order a larger quantity in the future, but in the meantime, would like to purchase 4 from Western United in the amount of \$6,950. Shay moved to approve the purchase of 4 transformers from Western United. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

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

The north water tower is back in service. All of the water test results were fine.

The crack filling project is completed. They are starting on asphalt this week.

The new skid steer arrived yesterday. It is being used today on the asphalt project and is working well.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the Sales Tax Report.

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

Chief Thompson provided Council with the June Police Report.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Shay

- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay said that tomorrow he will be attending meetings for NECALG, the Landfill and the Water Authority.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla said that he has been receiving many comments about Veteran's Park and how bad it looks as you are coming into Yuma. He asked Manager Moore to check into options for getting an irrigation system installed at the park. Manager Moore contacted Evergreen Landscapes and they said it would be approximately \$26,000 to install an irrigation system. Because it is a park, it qualifies for Conservation Trust Funds and could be discussed for the 2023 budget.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS**

**“To determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e), regarding the sale of city property and payment on construction project. “**

Manager Moore stated that Council intends to meet in executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e), regarding the sale of city property and payment on construction project. Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 7:38 p.m. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer