

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ebersole, McClung, Shay, Swehla. Baucke 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, but Council Member Baucke will be absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Shay moved to approve the July 21, 2020, Agenda as presented. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

McClung moved to approve the July 7, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #6, SERIES OF 2020 (SUBMITTING BALLOT QUESTION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO NOVEMBER IN 2025 AND ADJUSTING TERMS OF COUNCIL) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated this ordinance is to change the charter to move our regular election to November. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #6, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEM – MAYOR SWEHLA.** Mayor Swehla stated with the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein, we need to appoint another Mayor Pro Tem. McClung moved to nominate Council Member Shay as Mayor Pro Tem. Second by Ebersole. Question. 3 ayes. 1 abstain (Shay). Motion carried.
- C. RESOLUTION #22, SERIES OF 2020 (AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN FOR THE CITY OF YUMA) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this resolution is for the signatures at the bank for people to sign checks and get into the safe deposit box. McClung moved to approve Resolution #22, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. RESOLUTION #23, SERIES OF 2020 (IGA WITH YUMA COUNTY FOR COORDINATED ELECTION) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this is for the Intergovernmental Agreement with Yuma County for the coordinated election for November. McClung moved to approve Resolution #23, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. EXTENSION OF CREDIT CARD FEE WAIVER – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated it has been another month since Council approved waiving the fees to customers for utility bills. Shay moved to extend the credit card fee waiver for another month. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL VACANCIES – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there are two Council vacancies for Council Member Chrismer and Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein. Clerk/Treasurer Wells asked if Council would like to do letters of interest or if they would like to do petitions to get on the November ballot. Mayor Swehla stated there is a lot of time before the election to go without 2 Council Members. Discussion was held. Ebersole moved to advertise for letters of interest due by August 13. Second by McClung. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. DISCUSSION ON MOVING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 TO A DIFFERENT DAY – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated our next Council meeting is scheduled for August 4, which is Tuesday of the Fair. Currently there is only the approval of the bills. Attorney Sellars stated the August 4 meeting will be needed if we decide to do a sales tax or lodging tax question. This item was tabled until later in the meeting.
- H. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated she sent Council an additional list of bills and she requested approval to make the bond payment. Swehla moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.
- I. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval of a purchase of 9,000 feet of primary wire. Quotes were received from Border States for \$29,160 and Western United for \$18,500. Ebersole moved to approve the purchase of wire from Western United for \$18,500. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval for boring to re-route the electrical for the High School project. This would re-route the electrical from under the old City Hall building to around the building. KCI would do directional drilling for 1,000 feet for \$6,240. McClung moved to approve the quote from KCI for directional drilling for \$6,240. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

A quote was also received for wooden electric poles to restock our poles. Bell Lumber from Minnesota provided a quote for \$10,920 for 15 poles. Discussion was held. Ebersole moved to approve the purchase from Bell Lumber for \$10,920. Second by McClung. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Thompson requested approval for in-car cameras for the 9 patrol vehicles. A quote was received from Axon, where the body cameras are from. The quote is for \$36,423 for the first year. Ebersole moved to approve the purchase from Axon for \$36,423. Second by McClung. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION ON LODGING AND SALES TAX QUESTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.** Mayor Swehla mentioned we have been discussing this and we need to make a decision on whether to put the questions on the ballot or not. It is probably not a good time to be asking the questions. Discussion was held. Council's consensus was to not put the questions on the ballot at this November election.

## **ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

**G. DISCUSSION ON MOVING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 TO A DIFFERENT DAY – KARMA WELLS.** Mayor Swehla suggested canceling the next meeting since we only have the bills to approve for the next meeting. Shay moved to cancel the regular meeting for August 4, 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

## **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS**

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

Manager Moore stated he has been looking into Council Member Ebersole's request of the sidewalk across the railroad tracks. Manager Moore has been in contact with a couple of people from Burlington Northern Railroad, but he is awaiting another phone call.

City staff had a preliminary phone call meeting with Norris Designs for the Mixed Use property. They will be here in the near future to do a walk through on the property.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the sales tax report.

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

None.

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated there was a Landfill and Water Authority meeting last Wednesday. With the Water Authority, there is a lack of funds, and the reclamation project is not moving much now. The Landfill Board voted against the proposal to put in a transfer station. Plastics are filling up the landfill so possible solutions were discussed. Council Member McClung would like to look into curbside recycling.

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole thanked Manager Moore for researching the sidewalk over the railroad tracks.
- Also Council Member Ebersole appreciates the research on the Dog Park.
- Yuma County Economic Development Board did not meet this month.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ebersole moved to adjourn. Second by Shay. Question. 4 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla, Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer