

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Baucke, Ebersole, McClung, Shay, Swehla.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Moore, Curtis Witte, Karma Wells, Kathryn Sellars.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the Pledge of Allegiance was taken off the agenda prior to posting it on the door and website.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Shay moved to approve the August 18, 2020, Agenda as presented. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ebersole moved to approve the July 21, 2020 and July 24, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MUSEUM PRESENTATION – MONICA KING.** Ms. Monica King, President of the Yuma Museum updated Council on the grant request. In March the Museum received all the bids and blueprints. The total of the updates needed was \$194,524.92. The Museum's needs were more than they had money for, therefore the Museum Board did not submit the grant. The Museum Board would like to submit a new grant in October 2020. Also, due to COVID, the Historical Board is no longer doing \$200,000 grants, they are only doing \$50,000 grants. The Museum Board has received \$10,000 from the Yuma County Commissioners. The Museum Board would like to see \$12,500 from the City towards the grant. They have received \$5,000 from the Yuma Colorado Trust, and anticipate receiving \$50,000 from the Colorado History Grant. This is a total of \$77,500, which leaves a little contingency which is a requirement of the grant. Ms. King stated the Museum Board needs a letter from the City stating the City is in agreement with the Historical Board that this building will be kept as a Museum for the next 30 years. Also, the application signature page for the grant needs updated with Mayor Swehla's signature. The Museum Board would like the City to put in \$12,500 to this year's grant and budget another \$12,500 for next year, so the Museum Board can apply for another \$50,000 grant. Discussion was held.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO VACANCIES ON CITY COUNCIL – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated letters of interest were received from Steve Hoch and Marylu Smith-Dischner. Ebersole moved to appoint Steve Hoch and Marylu Smith-Dischner to City Council. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FIREMEN'S PENSION BOARD – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated former Mayor Pro Tem Goeglein had been appointed to the Firemen's Pension Board and since he resigned, we need to appoint another representative. Swehla moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Shay to the Firemen's Pension Board. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. PUBLIC HEARING FOR VARIANCE REQUEST FROM BARBARA THOMPSON – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated Ms. Barbara Thompson has requested a variance for 405 South Ash and 401 South Ash. It is a setback variance. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Ebersole moved to approve the setback variance for Ms. Thompson. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR BARBARA THOMPSON – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated the documents have been submitted for a minor subdivision for Ms. Barbara Thompson for 401 South Ash and 405 South Ash. Shay moved to approve the minor subdivision. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. RESOLUTION #24, SERIES OF 2020 (MOU WITH YUMA COUNTY FOR BALLOT BOXES) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this is an MOU with Yuma County to keep the ballot boxes for the election. The MOU is the same as previously done, just with different dates. Shay moved to approve Resolution #24, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. RESOLUTION #25, SERIES OF 2020 (APPROVING THE COLORADO INTERACTIVE PAYPORT AGREEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated this agreement is for online payments for recreation, pool, community center, and library fees. The terminals are free and this should help streamline online payments and online forms. Ebersole moved to approve Resolution #25, Series of 2020. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated she provided Council with an additional list of bills. Ebersole moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** There were no purchases in excess of \$5,000.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

Manager Moore stated Mr. Fred Gonzalez retired recently and Mr. Blake Sewell was appointed to take over Mr. Gonzalez's position of Street, Shop and Sanitation Supervisor.

The North Main Street Project has started. There were some issues with valves.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the sales tax report and a copy of the 2019 Audit.

**SERGEANT, CURTIS WITTE**

Sergeant Witte stated the Police Department started 24 hour coverage last night.

Also, the cameras for the vehicles are here. The Police Department is waiting to have them installed.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated there was a Library Committee Meeting, and Mayor Pro Tem Shay will provide the report.
- Also, Mayor Swehla thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance in the chase on August 15.

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole stated he is working on the Dog Park and has talked to the Colorado Trust that will be opening up some grants. Council Member Ebersole also has been working with Tractor Supply to submit a request to their corporate headquarters. Other support would be great also.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Library Board Committee Meeting. They received a CARES Grant for \$6,682.00 Part of this funding went to purchase 6 chrome books and hotspots and the first year's fees on those. They also received funding for take and make projects. In-house programs are being done in smaller groups due to COVID. The Summer Reading program had 90 kids registered. The Library has also been approved for a \$4,000 grant from the State that they will receive later in the fall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ebersole moved to adjourn. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer