

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Baucke, Ebersole, Hoch, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla.

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Shay moved to approve the October 5, 2021, Agenda. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ebersole moved to approve the September 21, 2021, Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Monica King, President of the Yuma Museum, stated that she is present to make a request for the \$12,500 that is budgeted by the City in the 2021 budget for the Museum. They would like this money to complete their roof project. They applied for the El Pomar Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and only received \$5,000. They have received a quote for the roof from Jeff Pagel Construction in the amount of \$83,321. With the money they have in their savings and checking accounts, the grant money and planned fundraisers, the money from the City would help them reach their goal for the new roof.

**YUMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – PHIL RIGGLEMAN**

Mr. Phil Riggleman, Director of Yuma County Economic Development, was present to give Council an update. He stated that they had their meeting in September to work on the Resiliency Grant, which is about a 2-year process. They have hired a consultant for the six-county region to help with that process. They have also applied for an Economic Development grant through O-Edit, which is \$25,000 for municipalities with populations under 25,000. Mr. Riggleman stated that they are working on scheduling dates in November and December for business tours for students from Liberty, Idalia, Wray and Yuma. Finally, Mr. Riggleman provided Council with the numbers that they had requested for the 2021 budget and stated that their budgetary request of the City for 2022 is essentially unchanged.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHURCH ANNEXATION AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #3, SERIES OF 2021 (ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CHURCH ANNEXATION) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore introduced the second reading of Ordinance #3, Series of 2021. Public hearing was opened. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed.

- B. **RESOLUTION #34, SERIES OF 2021 (MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE CITY OF YUMA, COLORADO, KNOWN AS THE CHURCH ANNEXATION) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars introduced the resolution. Shay moved to approve Resolution #34, Series of 2021. Second by Hoch. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **APPROVAL ORDINANCE #3, SERIES OF 2021 (ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CHURCH ANNEXATION) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated that the Church property will be annexed upon recording with the County Clerk and Recorder and the documents being sent to DOR and DOLA. McClung moved to approve Ordinance #3, Series of 2021. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. **APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND APPROVING RESOLUTION #35, SERIES OF 2021 (APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES LEE PETERS FOR THE PRESIDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that RFPs had been sent out for the position of Municipal Judge. We received one response from Mr. Charles Peters. The annual salary agreed to in the agreement is \$16,500. Shay moved to approve Resolution #35, Series of 2021. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.  
  
McClung moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Charles Peters as the Municipal Judge. Second by Hoch. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. **STREET CLOSURE FOR TRICK OR TREAT STREET – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated the Chamber of Commerce is requesting a street closure for the annual Trick or Treat Street event. The request this year has been extended to add the closure of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and a portion of South Buffalo Street, so that businesses which aren't located on Main Street may participate in a Trunk or Treat as part of the event. Ebersole moved to approve the street closures. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. Hoch moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **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**

None.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the second quarter Fire Pension Report.

**CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON**

Chief Thompson provided Council with the September Police Reports.

## CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner stated that she met with the Recreation Department and the Community Enrichment Center at the end of August.
- At the Community Enrichment Center, they are focusing on the elderly community and supporting the Meet & Eat program. They are going to start offering coffee from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the entryway of the building and possibly playing a movie to encourage community members to spend a little time there together. They are also working hard to make sure they are compliant with Covid protocols so that they will be able to continue the Meet & Eat Program.
- At the Recreation Department meeting, they discussed the completion of the pond project and how nice the aeration system is. Water was added to the Veteran's Park Pond and they have been getting good feedback from that. Parks/Recreation Director Ron Wills estimated that there are between 325 to 350 children who participate in the Recreation programs.

### Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated to Council that they will have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to present the 2022 preliminary the budget. Each Council Member has three evaluation forms that they need to complete and bring with them to that meeting. Once the budget is presented, there will be the need for budget workshops and it works best to have everyone in attendance.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hoch moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer