

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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, Frame, 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2021, AGENDA

Shay moved to approve the November 16, 2021, Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Shay moved to approve the November 2, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Ebersole. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstains (Frame & Baucke). Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION BY SCOTT WEAVER

Yuma County Commissioner, Scott Weaver, was in attendance to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State regarding the opioid settlement. He stated that he is trying to form the Region 4 Opioid Council. A temporary board has been formed until an actual Council can be set up. Region 4 consists of 10 counties which need to come together so that the Council may be formed. Each of the 10 counties have signed their MOU with the State. CML has dropped out, so they are no longer a resource to find out how many Municipalities have signed the MOU. The estimated settlement money that will be paid out over 18 years, is Yuma County-\$44,973, Eckley-\$1,513, Wray-\$6,079 and Yuma-\$6,953. The purpose of the Opioid Council would be to manage the settlement money and how it should be used. The Council will consist of 5-County Commissioners, 4-Municipality Representatives and 2-Law Enforcement Representatives. They have applied for a \$22,000 grant to perform a study to decide what is needed in Region 4 to combat the opioid crisis. Yuma County has been selected to be the fiscal agent. Because the settlement money is not a large amount for each individual entity, the hope is that Region 4 will pool their money together so that they can do something that will have a larger impact.

PRESENTATION BY YUMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – SARAH LOVE

New Chamber of Commerce Director, Sarah Love, was present to ask Council to take a more active role in the business community and Economic Development. She stated that the Chamber of Commerce has not only been active in Economic Development, but also community wellness, with the events that they have held, such as 1st Friday Art Walks, 5:10 to Yuma, Trick or Treat Street and Winterfest. The Chamber is changing its role for the future by hiring Sarah as the new Director and also Wendy Lynch as a grant writer to help move the Chamber deeper into Economic Development. Ms. Lynch has actively been applying for many grants. There are 85 active Chamber members. Ms. Love asked for approval for payment of the Chamber invoice presented to Council. Mayor Swehla stated they are unable to vote on it at this meeting because it was not an Action Item on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #4, SERIES OF 2021 (ZONING NEWLY ANNEXED PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CHURCH ANNEXATION) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that this is the second reading of Ordinance #4, Series of 2021, which sets the zoning of the Church Annexation property to R-2. Public hearing was opened. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading, Ordinance #4, Series of 2021. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #5, SERIES OF 2021 (APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND YUMA DEVELOPMENT, LLC, FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated that this is the second reading of Ordinance #5, Series of 2021, which approves the purchase and sale agreement between the City and Yuma Development, LLC. She stated that there has been no change to the ordinance, but there was one change made to the agreement. Public hearing was opened. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Ebersole moved to approve on second reading, Ordinance #5, Series of 2021. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **STREET CLOSURE FOR WINTERFEST – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that he has received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a street closure for the Winterfest Parade. The closure would take place on December 11, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The closure would involve Main Street from 1st Avenue to 5th Avenue. Shay moved to grant the street closure for Winterfest. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE #6, SERIES OF 2021 (APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY AND ADOPT THE 2022 BUDGET) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced on first reading, Ordinance #6, Series of 2021, to appropriate sums of money and adopt the 2022 budget. Discussion was held and Clerk Treasurer Wells answered questions posed by Council. Shay moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #6, Series of 2021. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE #7, SERIES OF 2021 (SET MILL LEVY) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced on first reading, Ordinance #7, Series of 2021, to set the mill levy for 2022. The mill levy is set at 30.64 mills, with an assessed valuation of \$26,622,710. These numbers may change slightly when the County does their recertification. Shay moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #7, Series of 2021. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **FIRST READING ORDINANCE #8, SERIES OF 2021 (AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced on first reading, Ordinance #8, Series of 2021, to amend the 2021 budget. Wells stated that the only fund that needs to be amended is the Sanitation fund. After reviewing the numbers, they would like to have the amount raised due to repairs that are needed on the street sweeper. Discussion was held. Shay moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #8, Series of 2021. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **RESOLUTION #36, SERIES OF 2021 (STATEMENT OF WORK WITH RUBINBROWN, LLP, FOR CYBER SECURITY SERVICES) – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that at a previous meeting, approval was given for a grant to be used for cyber security. Resolution #36, Series of 2021, seeks approval of the Statement of Work with RubinBrown, LLP, for cyber security services. Discussion was held regarding the dates of the agreement that need to be amended. McClung moved to approve Resolution #36, Series of 2021. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. Shay moved to approved the bills. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- I. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore did not have any purchases in excess of \$5,000 to present to Council.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore reported that we had a sewer issue on North Main Street over the weekend. Our truck is still not back from having warranty work done on it. We were able to use the backup contractor to come and resolve the issue in a timely manner. We hope to have our truck back this week.

Manager Moore also stated that a switch failed on an electrical circuit over the weekend. We didn't have a switch on hand, but have one ordered. For now, we have two circuits tied together, until we get the new switch.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

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

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Ebersole

- Council Member Ebersole stated that he has been working for some time trying to get a dog park in Yuma. He applied for a grant for \$5,000 and was awarded \$3,500. That is not enough money for a dog park, so an alternative would be to use those funds to repair the floor at the Animal Shelter. That grant money would need to be approved by Council before it could be used. He would still like to pursue a dog park in the future, but the costs involved to construct it and for insurance would need to be determined. There are two acres by the Armstrong Ball Field that could be utilized for the park.

Shay

- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay stated that the NECALG meeting is tomorrow. A County Express driver from Sterling passed away from COVID.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner stated that the Electric Department committee meeting was held today, but she was not able to attend. Council Member Frame did attend the meeting.
- Council Member Smith-Dischner said she was able to attend the Parks meeting and they are trying to figure out how they are going to manage things with no seasonal help due to budget cuts. It may be difficult to maintain all of the sprinkler systems and also the trash in the parks.
- She stated that on the Recreation side of things, they are not affected by the budget cuts, but there has been ongoing discussion regarding the cost to participate in the Recreation programs. The fee to participate is \$25, when on average, the actual cost is \$100 to run the programs. They are wondering if it would be possible to ask those who are able, to pay more than the \$25.
- At the Community and Enrichment Center, Shanna and Candy have been working there while Lonnie is out on leave. Candy has been cleaning out the Boy Scout building and trying to find a good use for the building.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated that a new list of Committee assignments was handed out. The only changes made to the list were to replace former Council Member Hoch's committee assignments with Council Member Frame.

ADJOURNMENT

Baucke moved to adjourn. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer