

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA.

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

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Baucke moved to approve the November 17, 2020, Agenda as presented. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shay moved to approve the November 3, 2020, Minutes as presented. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION BY THE YUMA MUSEUM BOARD

Ms. Monica King, President of the Yuma Museum Board, updated Council on the grant application. The Museum Board did not receive the grant they applied for. They did not like the Museum changing the roof or adding brick to the front to conceal the roof. The Museum Board feels it is probably a blessing they did not get the grant, because they would have to have approval to change anything within 20 years of the grant. The Museum's number one priority is to get a new roof on the building. Two years ago the Museum board brought a bid of \$45,000 for a roof and they currently have a high bid of \$80,000. They are working with SITO for a new quote. The Museum Board is willing to work with the City on the cost of the roof. Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION ON UTILITIES – COUNCIL AND STAFF

Manager Moore stated that with Council packets, we sent a copy of a utility bill. The reason for the discussion is due to all the comments posted on social media. Council discussed adding a section on the back of the bill that gives information on available resources if someone is having trouble paying their bill. Discussion was held. Council's consensus was to add information on the back of the utility bill regarding resources for customers who are having trouble paying their bill.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #8, SERIES OF 2020 (AMENDING SECTION 9.24.020 OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING CURFEWS FOR COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated this ordinance removes the curfew for commercial solicitation. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #8, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #9, SERIES OF 2020 (AMENDING SECTION 9.28.050 OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE AGE FOR OBTAINING, USING, POSSESSING, OR PURCHASING TOBACCO PRODUCTS) – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Sellars stated the state raised the age for obtaining tobacco products, therefore we need to change our code to match the state. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Ebersole moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #9, Series of 2020. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #10, SERIES OF 2020 (AMENDING SECTION 13.30.010 OF THE YUMA MUNICIPAL CODE AND REMOVING AMBULANCE SERVICES FROM THE CITY-OWNED ENTERPRISE – SCOTT MOORE.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this ordinance moved the Ambulance Department to the General Fund. Also, the auditors recommended transferring all funds to the General Fund on 12/31/20 rather than 1/1/21, therefore the ordinance was amended to make the change. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #10, Series of 2020 as amended. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. FIRST READING ORDINANCE #11, SERIES OF 2020 (APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY AND ADOPT THE 2021 BUDGET) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced the ordinance and reviewed some final changes to the 2021 Budget. McClung moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #11, Series of 2020. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. FIRST READING ORDINANCE #12, SERIES OF 2020 (SET MILL LEVY) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced the ordinance and reviewed the mill levy and assessed valuation with Council. Baucke moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #12, Series of 2020. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. FIRST READING ORDINANCE #13, SERIES OF 2020 (AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells introduced the ordinance amending the Ambulance Fund budget to account for moving it to the General Fund. Shay moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #13, Series of 2020. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. Ebersole moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the Ambulance Department would like to purchase additional PPE. These items should be able to be covered with the DOLA CARES Act Grant that was received. It was requested to approve not over \$34,000 to purchase the items in case there is some shipping added to the items. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the purchases up to \$34,000. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

Manager Moore stated he will be home until December 3.

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 October Police Report.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated the Water Authority and Yuma County Landfill Boards will meet tomorrow. They will be doing staff reviews for the staff at the Landfill for the first time in several years.

Hoch

- Council Member Hoch wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla thanked Council and staff for the work on the budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

“To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations.”

Attorney Sellars stated Council intends to meet in executive session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations. Ebersole moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 7:59 P.M. Attorney Sellars made a statement 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 Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer