

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022
MEETING LOCATION – CITY HALL – 320 SOUTH MAIN STREET & VIRTUAL THROUGH ZOOM
CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla.

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Moore, Jerry Thompson, Stacie Gonzalez, Candy Gilliland, Karma Wells.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the agenda was changed from what was in the packets, but the new Agenda has been posted for 24 hours.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2022 AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the December 20, 2022 Agenda as presented. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2022 MINUTES

Council Member Baucke moved to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF DONATION REQUESTS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated Council set up a donation request system earlier this year. This is the last council meeting of the last quarter of the year and there was only one request. The request was from Yuma County Economic Development and Ms. Shelby Clark with Yuma County Economic Development was here to answer any questions on the request. Ms. Shelby Clark reviewed accomplishments of Yuma County Economic Development. Discussion was held. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the donation request of \$10,000.00 to Yuma County Economic Development. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. RESOLUTION #27, SERIES OF 2022 (AMENDING THE CITY’S PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL CONCERNING PAY DAY, WORK WEEK AND SCHEDULE AND TIME RECORDING) – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells reviewed suggested changes to the City’s Personnel Policy. This would take effect on January 1, 2023. Council Member McClung moved to approve Resolution #27, Series of 2022 (amending the city’s personnel policies manual concerning pay day, work week and schedule and time recording). Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF NORTHEAST ALL-HAZARDS REGION (NEAHR) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) 2023 APPLICATION – JERRY THOMPSON.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated the police department applied for a grant with homeland security last year for a drone and did not receive the grant. Chief Thompson would like to apply for the grant again this year to receive more equipment for additional safety for the Police Department. The grant would be for \$10,000 for chemical masks, helmets, and updated armor. This grant

would outfit three people at this time. Council Member McClung moved to approve Northeast All-Hazards Region Homeland Security grant program 2023 application. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

D. PAY INCREASES FOR CITY MANAGER SCOTT MOORE, POLICE CHIEF JERRY THOMPSON AND CITY CLERK/TREASURER KARMA WELLS – RON SWEHLA. Mayor Ron Swehla stated Council discussed a 5% pay increase for Police Chief Jerry Thompson of \$3,570 a year, City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells of \$3,977 per year, and City Manager Scott Moore of \$4,666 per year. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve pay increases for the City Manager, Police Chief, and City Clerk/Treasurer. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS. City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated Council received two additional lists of bills. There are no bills to disclose. Council Member Benish moved the approval of bills. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

F. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE. None.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

City Manager Scott Moore stated he would like to discuss snow removal. It was discussed at the workshop but he wanted to get Council's input on changes for the snow removal routes for 2023. Mayor Swehla asked if adding sand to the streets would affect the streets. City Manager Moore stated he would do research and get back to them. Council Member Smith-Dischner asked if there will be a drift and wind factor. City Manager Scott Moore stated input from Council is much needed to update the snow removal policy.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated she provided Council with a sales tax report.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated there are no updates on the jail transport between Yuma and Logan County yet. He will update Council when he has more information.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke attended the Street and Sanitation departments Committee Meetings and discussed the cuts that they are making.

McClung

- Council Member McClung also attended the Street and Sanitation department Committee Meetings and discussed the cardboard trailer. This trailer is only used for brown cardboard. The aluminum recycling is doing very well.

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke stated there are several issues with people putting the correct items in the recycling bins.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated the curb returns in the industrial park are constantly having pot holes. City Manager Scott Moore has reached out to Colorado Department of Highways. When a representative from CDOT is here next time they will discuss the issues.

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the airport meeting and discussed upcoming projects and the new fence they put up.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the airport meeting and stated that the airport really ties in with economic development.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Library Board meeting and stated circulation numbers are down. Libraries around the nation are creating other circulations and activities to get people involved with the library. The library is also hosting Christmas programs. The high school guitar club provided a concert at the library and approximately 45 people attended.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla passed around a thank you card from employees to Council for the year-end bonuses.
- Mayor Swehla had several people call to share they thought the city crews did a great job on snow removal and it was done in a timely manner.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated there was a gentleman in a non-motorized wheelchair having to go down the lane of traffic instead of the sidewalk because snow was not removed from sidewalks. When businesses and homeowners do not clean up their sidewalks it becomes a safety hazard.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated the island at the south end of Main Street was decorated by Cathy Christianson and her crew.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer