

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Action Items E and F were added to the Agenda and have been posted for the required 24 hours.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21, 2021 AGENDA

Baucke moved to approve the December 21, 2021 Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2021 MINUTES

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

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW YUMA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The new director of Yuma County Economic Development, Shelby Clark, was present to introduce herself to Council. She stated that she moved to Wray a few years ago and loves Yuma County and is excited to make a difference here.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that this topic was tabled at the last Council meeting. Since then, he emailed Council with more information including the cost to the City. The City would pay approximately \$170,000.00, with the grant providing \$90,000.00 toward the purchase of a new ambulance. This would be a 2023 budget item. If an Ambulance District or Authority is established, those assets would go to the District or Authority. Shay moved to approve going forward with the grant application. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. **APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – JERRY THOMPSON.** Chief Thompson stated that he is seeking approval to apply for a Homeland Security grant to purchase a drone for the Police Department. It is a non-matching grant and Chief Thompson would apply for the full amount of the grant which is \$10,000. Shay moved to approve going forward with the grant application. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. **REVIVE MANAGEMENT, LLC MINOR SUBDIVISION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that he has received an application for a minor subdivision from Revive Management, LLC, represented by Chad Rayl. This would be to move one property line on North Birch Street, south of Hoag Avenue, to

the north by 100 feet. This move would also allow better access to the City's easement behind the development. Shay moved to approve the application for a minor subdivision for Revive Management, LLC. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. **NUTRIEN'S 1ST MINOR SUBDIVISION – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore stated that he has received an application for a minor subdivision from Nutrien Ag Solutions. They would like to subdivide their property to remove a house that sits on their property, so that they may sell it. Shay moved to approve the application for a minor subdivision for Nutrien Ag Solutions. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. **RESOLUTION #40, SERIES OF 2021 (DETERMINING THAT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 SHALL BE A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that the purpose of this Resolution is to set the upcoming April election as a mail ballot election rather than a polling place election. Baucke moved to approve Resolution #40, Series of 2021. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **RESOLUTION #41, SERIES OF 2021 (CITY CLERK TO SET COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION JUDGES AND PAY SUCH COMPENSATION) – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that this Resolution allows her to set and pay compensation to the election judges in the upcoming election. She said that she contacts the Yuma County Clerk and pays the same amount that they pay to their election judges. Smith-Dischner moved to approve Resolution #41, Series of 2021. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Ebersole. Question. 7 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 presented Council with more information regarding the recycling grant that has been discussed at prior meetings. He stated that he has received the agreement and along with Attorney Sellars, they are not comfortable with the agreement as it is written, saying it may obligate the City for a longer term than we can commit to. Manager Moore has looked at the option of treating the recycling service as a vendor, but does not know if that would jeopardize the grant. He spoke with Ms. Reva Phillips of the Southeast and East Central Recycling Association regarding the grant. She will meet with her board sometime after the first of the year and let us know.

Manager Moore stated that the new trash truck is broken again and will be out of service until after the first of the year. For now, we are keeping up with the trash collection. There is an option to rent a trash truck if needed. He also said that the sewer vacuum truck is fixed and ready to go.

Manager Moore stated that the Meet and Eat program has extended an invitation to Council to attend their lunch and sing-a-long tomorrow at 11:30 a.m.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with the Sales Tax Report, Finance Report and the 3rd quarter Fire Pension Report.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief Thompson said that they are dealing with more broke down vehicles.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke expressed concerns about the rate increase on the gas bills. He would like to see the company come to a Council meeting to explain those sharp increases.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated that he attended both the Landfill and Water Authority meetings. He said there is nothing new to report from the Water Authority. He stated that Byron McCall is the interim manager at the Landfill and he has been coming up with some good cost saving measures. They are also in the process of getting automated scales and billing set up.

Shay

- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay attended the NECALG meeting where they discussed broadband infrastructure and new legislation to bring fiber to rural areas.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Shay also notified Council that Yuma recently lost their County Express driver to COVID and stated that it is a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant against COVID.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated that CML is looking for 2 executive board members. Council Member Frame has expressed interest in filling one of those board positions. At the next Council meeting, there will be a letter of endorsement for Council to approve. Council Member Frame will also have to submit a letter to the executive board and they will make the final decision.
- Mayor Swehla also thanked Council Member Frame for taking the time to visit the City facilities, have meetings with Manager Moore and a ride-along with the Police Department.
- Tomorrow at 4:00, Bob Anderson will be doing a concert at the Library.
- Mayor Swehla stated that a couple of workshops need to be scheduled at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer