

City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
Call to Order – 6:31 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Mayor McClung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Benish, Diaz, Dischner, Frame, McClung, Shay. Baucke was absent.

Staff Present: Scott Moore, Jerry Thompson, Karma Wells.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Approval of September 3, 2024 Agenda

Shay moved to approve the September 3, 2024 agenda. Second by Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Presentations (Informational)

A. Complaints against the Yuma Police Department – Robert Martinez

Mr. Robert Martinez was not present at the meeting to give his presentation and did not provide any written documentation to present to council. Mayor McClung read a statement for the record.

B. Magellan Presentation on Survey Results

Manager Moore introduced Mr. Ryan Winger from Magellan who was present to give council the results of the community survey that was given regarding a potential sales tax increase. Mr. Winger stated that they were able to conduct 157 interviews in the period from August 12 – August 25. He reviewed the statistics from the survey covering a potential sales tax increase. The results came back at almost a toss up and Mr. Winger stated that a campaign to educate voters at this point would be very important and there is still plenty of time to do that before the election.

C. Other Presentations

None.

Reports (Informational)

A. City Manager – Scott Moore

i. Fall and Spring Clean up

Manager Moore put together figures for council regarding the costs of providing the fall and spring cleanups for the community. The cost to the city for each of the cleanups is approximately \$20,000. Manager Moore proposed an alternative idea to help cut costs by providing a site for residents to take their items to. It would be staffed for one week by a city employee to oversee what is being brought in. A fence would need to be put up to keep people out after hours and a camera to monitor if unacceptable items are dropped off. This proposal would lower our costs by approximately \$11,000.

The one issue with this proposal is that some residents would not have a way to transport their items to the collection site. It could also increase the amount of trash left in alleys and ditches. Manager Moore asked council how they would like to proceed. The consensus was to leave the fall cleanup as it has been and for the spring cleanup, to use a collection site.

ii. Colorado State Forest Service Grant

Manager Moore updated council on the tree grant from IRA/UCF that we had applied for. We were awarded \$170,000. Ms. Bethleen McCall has agreed to manage the project. Manager Moore will give council more details after they meet next week.

B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

None.

C. Chief of Police – Jerry Thompson

i. Vehicle Purchase(s)

Chief Thompson provided council with information on new vehicle purchases for the police department. Orders for 2025 vehicles had to be placed now in order to be able get them. Mayor McClung asked for an update on the vehicles that were damaged in the hail storm. Chief Thompson stated that CIRSA is not repairing any vehicle that is over 10 years old. On the vehicles that were totaled, it is not financially possible to replace all of them, so one option is to collect less money from CIRSA in order to be able to keep and use those vehicles. Chief Thompson added that the new 2025 Explorer will probably be used by the School Resource Officer and they may get the car “wrapped” to represent the school.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Frame

- Council Member Frame stated that she attended the pool committee meeting along with Council Member Dischner who will give the report.

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the landfill board meeting. As he had reported at an earlier meeting, the landfill manager had resigned. Interviews are done and they have made an offer to someone from the Front Range. There is still a lot of debris from the storm being brought to the landfill.

Diaz

- Council Member Diaz attended a meeting at the Police Department where they tested the tasers.

Benish

- Mayor Pro Tem Benish attended the police committee meeting.
- Benish also attended the electric department committee meeting. They are still replacing meters. They have replaced 60 meters so far and 98 photo eyes. The east Yuma Substation is still in talks.

Dischner

- Council Member Dischner attended the pool committee meeting and reported that a \$10,000 donation has been received for the new pool slide. The pool is still set to open for Memorial Day, 2025.
- Council Member Dischner attended the ambulance department committee meeting. They looked at the new ambulance.

McClung

- Mayor McClung attended committee meetings for fire, ambulance, pool and electric departments.

- Elmer Smith is the new Fire Chief.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of August 20, 2024 meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$5,000.

Shay moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)

A. Approval of disclosed disbursements (if needed)

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that there are two disclosed disbursements to approve. They are for Mayor McClung and Council Member Shay to attend the CML meeting in Brush. Frame moved to approve the disbursements for McClung and Shay. Second by Benish. Question. 4 ayes. 2 abstain (McClung, Shay). Motion carried.

B. Consideration of Resolution #24, Series of 2024 – Calling for a Special Election and Submitting a Ballot Issue Regarding a Sales Tax Increase

Shay moved to approve Resolution #24, Series of 2024. Motion failed for lack of a second.

C. Resolution #25, Series of 2024 – Calling for a Special Election and Submitting a Ballot Issue for a Lodging Tax

Manager Moore stated before Resolution #25, Series of 2024 can be voted on, there are percentages and dollar figures that have to be decided and filled in on the resolution. After discussion, it was decided that the proposed lodging tax be 5.5%, with a cap of \$200,000. Shay moved to approve Resolution #25, Series of 2024. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Animal Assistance Grant Application for TNR

Manager Moore stated that we have applied for this grant and been successful in receiving funds since 2018. We would be applying for \$16,000, which would cover the cost of the TNR program. Frame moved to approve the application for the Animal Assistance Grant for TNR. Second by Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

E. Approval of Pro Housing Grant Application

Manager Moore stated that this is a large grant to assist with providing attainable housing in Yuma. This is a \$7 million, no match grant. Shay moved to approve the application for the Pro Housing Grant. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

F. Approval of Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application

Manager Moore stated that this is a federal grant used to provide safe routes to schools. This may be used to put in a sidewalk across the railroad tracks. The grant is for up to \$1 million and there is no match. Shay moved to approve the application for the Safe Routes to School Grant. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

G. Question Village Park East Street and Drainage Survey

Manager Moore explained that this is regarding having SEH Engineering provide us with a 15% completion engineering estimate for feasibility and rough costs for curb and gutter, ADA compatible sidewalks and paved streets for Village Park East which is Centennial Road and Homestead Trail. The quote from SEH is for \$57,160 to be completed in 2024. Benish moved to proceed with the proposal. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

H. Street Closure for Local Event Permit for Yuma Chamber of Commerce First Friday Antique Tractor Show

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that the Yuma Chamber of Commerce has requested a closure of south Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, on Friday, September 6, from 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for their antique tractor show. Shay moved to approve the street closure for the Chamber of Commerce. Second by Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business and Public Hearing on Passage of Ordinance on Second Reading (Action Items)

A. Tabled Action Items

None.

Additional Business

Manager Moore stated that he was approached by a party who is interested in purchasing the property next to the VFW on Main Street. It is a bare lot. The city has nothing on it. The consensus was to proceed with trying to sell it.

Adjournment

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Tim McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer