

**City of Yuma  
City Council Minutes  
Hybrid Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom  
Call to Order – 6:39 P.M.**

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

**Members Present:** Baucke, Fitzsimmons, McClung, O’Neal, Rutz, Shay, Thompson.

**Staff Present:** Eric Duthie, Curtis Witte, Karma Wells.

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that for item 11-B, there are two change orders, so they are added to the agenda as separate items. Item 8-E was also added for a discussion on the police chief vacancy.

**Approval of February 3, 2026, Agenda**

Shay moved to approve the February 3, 2026, agenda as amended. Second by O’Neal. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment**

Ms. Charlotte Parks, who resides on North Albany Street, was present to discuss the replacement of the pavers on Main Street. Ms. Parks stated that she has some experience with pavers versus colored concrete at her own address. She believes that the pavers class up Main Street and colored concrete looks tacky. Her suggestion is to save the pavers and lay concrete under them. She would like council to consider other options.

Ms. Dori Mekelburg was present on behalf of the girls’ softball parents and players. Ms. Mekelburg stated that the girls’ softball city recreation program ends at age 12, which leaves a gap of two years until they can play high school softball. This has led to many of the girls taking up other sports due to the lack of opportunity to continue playing softball. The past three years a group of parents have put together a summer program for the girls to continue playing, but 90% of those games are out of town or out of state. This coming season, there is an opportunity for there to be four home games in the months of May and June. Her request is for the city to allow the games to be played on the city ball fields. Mayor McClung asked when she needs to have an answer and Ms. Mekelburg stated that the league has its first meeting in the first week in April. Manager Duthie will meet with recreation Director Ron Wills to see if the recreation program schedule can accommodate these four games.

**Presentations (Informational)**

**A. Other Presentations (If any)**

None.

**Reports (Informational)**

**A. City Manager – Eric Duthie**

Manager Duthie provided council with his written report and gave more details on the following items:

- Duthie received a call from a resident complimenting city staff on snow removal.
- One of the new pavilions at Pioneer Lake was upended by the wind and is currently frozen in the lake, so we will be working on reinstalling that.
- Manager Duthie along with Ron Wills, Jeanne Triplett and Selena Cook attended a child abuse prevention training conducted by S.A.R.A. House on Friday. It was a very good training.

-April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. S.A.R.A. House has requested to hang some banners to raise awareness in the community. Pole banners have been approved to be hung throughout the month of April.

-After we tabled the Wildfire Resiliency Code at the last meeting, Manager Duthie received an email from CML stating that they also have concerns and are working on getting clarification on the requirements from the state.

-We have received bids for a general contractor for the swimming pool. Interviews have been scheduled with the contractors.

-Since we changed the sign at Yuma Junction, which is the 71 acres available on highway 59, we have received a couple of inquiries from local residents. According to Proposition 123, we need to have 36 units built by December 31, 2026, and we have not started yet.

-Last Wednesday, we had 36 students from the Leadership Academy here. These were sophomore students from Yuma and Liberty schools. Select staff were present to speak with them.

-The construction project for the ADA accessible ramp to the front doors of city hall is underway and should be completed soon.

-Committee meetings for parks & recreation, animal shelter, community center and the pool will be held tomorrow.

-The floor plans for the first and second levels of the Lett Hotel have been received. Council Member Baucke stated that there are shingles littering the area around his house from the Lett Hotel. Manager Duthie will look into getting that taken care of.

**B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that the CML Conference is in Westminster from June 23 - 26. She needs to know who is planning to attend.

**C. Interim Chief of Police – Curtis Witte**

Interim Chief Witte informed council that Corporal Josh has accepted a position with the Sterling Police Department. His last day with us will be February 27.

**D. City Attorney – Kathryn Sellars (If necessary)**

A memo was provided to council from Attorney Sellars regarding court fees.

**E. Other Reports – Discussion on Police Chief Vacancy**

Mayor McClung stated that he forwarded the list of eight applicants and their resumes for the police chief vacancy. KRW will be conducting online interviews with the candidates, which they will then provide to council to review. We need to set up a workshop to watch the interviews and narrow it down to two or three finalists. We need to conduct interviews in person before the first of March, so that we can make a final selection at the first council meeting in March.

**City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)**

**Shay**

- Council Member Shay attended the NECALG meeting in Fort Morgan. They are going to be discontinuing the bus route to Greeley, but will be adding a second route to Denver International Airport.
- Shay also attended the Water Authority meeting where they are moving ahead with finding solutions for water consumption issues. We will be monitoring the water usage in the city parks.
- Shay also attended the Landfill Board meeting where the biggest issue discussed was the mess caused by all the recent high winds. The new vacuum system has really helped with the cleanup. The new pit is complete and the first half of the new pit is filled with 8,000 tons of construction debris. They are also talking about using recycling to generate more revenue.

## **Rutz**

- Council Member Rutz expressed her concerns about using the pavers from the Main Street project at the railroad sidewalk project. She believes that they are a tripping and liability hazard. Discussion was held.

## **McClung**

- Mayor McClung shared that six years ago today he had a valve replacement and he is so thankful to be here tonight.

## **Consent Agenda (Action Items)**

- A. Approval of January 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$25,000.

O'Neal moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Fitzsimmons. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

## **Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)**

### **A. Approval of disclosed disbursements (if needed).**

None.

### **B. Consideration of Change Orders for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Paving Project.**

#### **i. Change Order #1**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Change Order #1 is to change from a pre-cast box manhole to a pour-in-place manhole. It could take 2 to 3 months to receive the pre-cast box manhole which would slow down the project. Going with this option would result in savings of \$35,000. Wells added that the engineers for the project will not sign off on the pour-in-place manhole. Mayor McClung stated Concrete Specialties needs to prepare a detailed drawing showing the construction and reinforced boxes when they will build them in the field and the drawings must be reviewed and approved by SEH. Fitzsimmons moved to approve Change Order #1 with the stipulation that Concrete Specialties provide detailed drawings showing the construction and reinforced boxes when they will build them in the field and get approval from SEH. Second by O'Neal. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **ii. Change Order #2**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Change Order #2 is to add the installation of new water service meter pits on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. This change order results in an increase in the project cost in the amount of \$8,800. Shay moved to approve Change Order #2. Second by Thompson. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

### **C. Resolution #7, Series of 2026 – Non-Disturbance Agreement with S E Municipal Colorado LLC**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that S E Municipal Colorado LLC installed the solar farm at the wastewater treatment plant. This is the final document that they need the city to sign to close their loan for the solar farm. City Attorney Sellars has reviewed and given her approval of the agreement. Shay moved to approve Resolution #7, Series of 2026. Second by Fitzsimmons. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

### **A. Tabled action items**

None.

**Additional Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

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

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Timothy McClung  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer