

City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
Call to Order – 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Staff Present: Jerry Thompson, Karma Wells.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

Approval of February 4, 2025, Agenda

Shay moved to approve the February 4, 2025, agenda as presented. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Presentations (Informational)

A. Potential City Park Improvements

Interim City Manager Wells gave details of potential upgrades that we would like to make at City Park with the grant funded sidewalk and walking path improvements that will be completed. Those upgrades would include a splash pad, playground equipment with rubber surfacing, improvements to the skate park and a bicycle pump park. These upgrades would be completed by July 1, 2025. Wells stated that whether we do this project or not, the engineered wood fiber under the playground equipment needs to be replaced and there are equipment repairs that need to be made. The total cost for this project would be \$960,443.87. This is not a budgeted item, but there are funds in the Conservation Trust Fund and Capital Projects Fund to use towards the project. Grant Writer, Angela Cordell, explained that we have some grant funds that have already been deducted from the total price. The current playground is not ADA compliant and eventually, we will have to make those changes.

B. Other Presentations (If any)

Interim City Manager Wells presented council with a list of 31 city vehicles that incurred damage in the hail storm in May of 2024. Wells and each department manager looked over each vehicle to determine what should be done with it. There are some vehicles that we would like to keep but not repair. Another grouping is vehicles to keep and repair. There are five vehicles that should be sold. There are six vehicles that are slated for replacement in our five-year plan. We have received \$258,765 from CIRSA for vehicle repairs. Discussion was held. The consensus was to go ahead and repair the vehicles listed to be repaired.

Mayor McClung brought up the topic of unmarked vehicles. The Police Chief and Investigator vehicles are not marked. Council Member Frame stated that since they are city vehicles paid for with taxpayer dollars, they should be marked. Mayor McClung added that the ambulance department Tahoe should be marked as well.

Council would like to do a review of our insurance policy for vehicles and a more detailed review of the vehicle list and a vehicle policy at the April 1, 2025, meeting.

Reports (Informational)

A. Interim City Manager – Karma Wells

i. Department Updates

Interim City Manager Wells provided council with a report giving updates on all departments.

Wells also provided council with an itinerary of upcoming department tours.

Council was provided with information that Wells obtained from the Health Department regarding their different food truck categories and a survey of food truck fees from other municipalities.

Wells reported that CIRSA did a reassessment of the storm damage to our buildings because we were quite far apart on the dollar figures for damages. Mayor McClung suggested that we may need to hire an independent adjuster to assess our buildings.

B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

i. Finance Report

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that the finance report isn't quite ready yet. She will send it out via email as soon as she has it completed.

C. Chief of Police – Jerry Thompson

i. KNEC Fund Raiser

Chief Thompson stated that they will be partnering again this year with KNEC for the Outlaw program. They are finalizing the scholarship program for high school students.

Chief Thompson also addressed concerns brought to him regarding ICE and DEA being in Yuma. To his knowledge, they were not in town and he added that the Police Department does not enforce federal laws, only state and municipal laws.

D. City Attorney – Kathryn Sellars (If necessary)

None.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke attended the council tour of the parks and recreation departments. They went to the baseball field. He stated we have a great program and a great facility that we can be proud of.

Frame

- Council Member Frame also attended the parks and recreation council tour. Along with the baseball field, they also visited the duck pond and city park.
- Council Member Frame stated that she attempted to join the Zoom meeting with Retail Coach, but had a miscommunication on the start time. Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that she was present for the Zoom meeting and they gave an update on the conference that they attended.

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the park and recreations department tour. He appreciated the information he received.
- Council Member Shay attended the 100th anniversary celebration at the library. He stated that it was very well done and they had a good turnout.

McClung

- Mayor McClung attended the library celebration. He stated that it was extremely well attended.
- Mayor McClung also attended the parks and recreation departments tour.
- Mayor McClung stated that he received a phone call from Bethleen McCall regarding the situation with the post office. He said that he has been speaking with Senator Hickenlooper's office about it.
- Mayor McClung attended a 2-day class put on by the Mayors' Leadership Academy and CML Mayors' Summit. He did group activities with other mayors to come up with a project to develop ground. It was a good meeting.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of January 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$5,000.
 - i. 2024 Audit
 - ii. Street/Shop/Sanitation Department Pickup Purchase
 - iii. Electric Department Pickup Purchase
 - iv. Transformer Purchase

Shay moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)

A. Approval of disclosed disbursements (if needed)

None.

B. First Reading Ordinance #1, Series of 2025 – Amending the Yuma Municipal Code Concerning Natural Medicine

Interim City Manager Wells stated that this ordinance regarding natural medicine had an error discovered at the last meeting. It has been corrected and Attorney Sellars has given the ordinance a final review. Baucke moved to approve Ordinance #1, Series of 2025. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

C. Resolution #7, Series of 2025 – Lease with Yuma Museum

Interim City Manager Wells stated that the revisions discussed at the last meeting have been made. The resolution is for the museum to lease the Boy Scout building, with the lease expiring August 31, 2025. Shay moved to approve Resolution #7, Series of 2025. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

D. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Hotel and Restaurant License for Trattoria Rossi, Inc

City Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Trattoria Rossi, Inc. has applied for a hotel and restaurant liquor license to be located at 202 S. Main Street. They have met all the necessary requirements. Mayor McClung opened the public hearing. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve the application for a Hotel and Restaurant License for Trattoria Rossi, Inc. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

E. Consideration of City Park Improvements

Interim City Manager Wells stated that this is a continuation of the discussion held earlier in the meeting regarding improvements at City Park to include a splash pad, new playground equipment with rubber surfacing, skate park renovations and a pump track in an amount not to exceed \$1 million. Wells recommended that we take \$200,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund and \$800,000 from Capital Projects. Shay moved to approve the City Park improvements project. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

F. Approval of RFQ’s for Planning and Design Services for a Pool Project

Mayor McClung stated that council was provided with a copy of the RFQ that will be sent out for planning and design services for the swimming pool. The timeline was reviewed. The consensus was to proceed with sending out the notice for RFQ’s.

G. Approval of Grant Application for Colorado Parks and Wildlife for Pioneer Lake

Interim City Manager Wells stated parks director Ron Wills has been working with Department of Wildlife District Manager, Josh Melby, to get grant funds to repair the dock at Pioneer Lake. Baucke moved to approve the grant application. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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

A. Tabled Action Items

None.

Additional Business

The special meeting on February 13, 2025, will be held at 12:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Tim McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer