

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes**

**Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**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 Swehla and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Swehla. Baucke and Smith-Dischner 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 March 5, 2024 Agenda

Shay moved to approve the March 5, 2024, Agenda as presented. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Shay moved to approve the February 20, 2024, Minutes as presented. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

Mr. Richard Nelson stated he sold the Nelson Inn and the new owners were not interested in the swimming pool. Mr. Nelson is trying to sell the pool and the airport hangar he had started to construct. Mayor Swehla asked Mr. Nelson to work with Manager Moore for information on the two properties.

Presentation on Pool Project – Larry Steele, Miller & Associates

Mr. Larry Steele, with Miller & Associates, was present to review information on the swimming pool. Two options were presented and discussed with Council. The first option fixes the pool and is \$1,052,220. The second option installs a stainless steel gutter system and is \$1,244,720. Discussion was held.

Action Items

- A. Public Hearing on Special Event Permit for Yuma World Series Club – Local Licensing Authority, Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated the Yuma World Series Club has turned in an application for a Special Event Permit for April 13, 2024 from 5:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. at 309 South Main Street. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve the Special Event Permit for the Yuma World Series Club. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution #9, Series of 2024 (Agreement with CMR Management and Consulting for Building Inspection Services) – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore stated this is for the contract with Chad Rayl for building inspections, etc. the hourly rate has increased and this increase is reflected in the new contract. There also is a 2 year term limit on the new agreement. The total of the agreement would be for \$60,000. This all depends on the number of permits issued each year. Shay moved to approve Resolution #9, Series of 2024. Second by Swehla. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Police Rural & Small Agency Academy Scholarship/Grant – Jerry Thompson.** Chief of Police Thompson stated this grant was used last year to send Officer Neb to the Academy. This grant pays for the tuition only, the rest of the expenses would be paid by the City. We have not received any applications from qualified Officers yet, therefore Chief of Police Thompson may be needing to send someone to the Academy to fill the vacant officer position. Swehla moved to approve the Police Rural & Small Agency Academy Scholarship/Grant. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. Appointment of Election Judges – Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells presented Council with a list of Election Judges. Benish moved to approve the list of election judges. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Approval of Bills – Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells explained they discussed the bills in the Clerk’s Committee Meeting and we will try not to bring bills to Council the day of the meeting, but this time we have 2 bills from 2023 that were not included in the packet. There are no bills to disclose. Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Purchases in Excess of \$5,000 – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore requested approval of a purchase of a pickup for the Electric Department. The purchase would be from Brighton Ford for \$46,662. Discussion was held. Shay moved to approve the purchase of the pickup from Brighton Ford for \$46,662. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Reports

City Manager, Scott Moore

Manager Moore stated a vendor brought out a trash truck for us to see. Denver is using this kind of truck. The manufacturer is Dennis and the drive train is manufactured in the U.S. The truck has an auto-greasing system. It is most likely available in 2024. Manager Moore asked them to add a price for a camera system on the truck. Discussion was held.

Manager Moore also stated he spoke to the new owners of the old nursing home and they say it is going to be used as a nursing home.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Karma Wells

Clerk/Treasurer Wells presented Council with the finance report and stated her office is getting ready for elections.

Chief of Police, Jerry Thompson

None

City Council Reports

Frame

- Council Member Frame stated she attended the Clerk’s Committee Meeting. They discussed a new program called TextMyGov. This program will allow for communication and notification to and from the public by text messages. The Clerk’s office also is planning to implement more uses in the ClearGov software. The website also must be ADA Accessible by July 1, 2024, therefore they are also working on these updates.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Electric Committee Meeting. They discussed the Vision metering and the purchase of a new pick up.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting. They discussed the cured in place sewer replacement project. The vendor is ready to go when Council approves the expenditure. The effluent water going to the Ethanol Plant is going well. The departments have been down one staff member since August. They are considering filling the position with an office staff member.
- Ms. Shelby Clark has given her notice at Yuma County Economic Development, so she will be leaving.

Benish

- Council Member Benish attended the Swimming Pool Committee and the Ambulance Committee Meetings. The pool discussion was already covered earlier in the meeting. The Ambulance Committee discussed licensing that is being completed by Ambulance Director Josh. They also have started billing the County for reimbursement for some items that have been purchased. HB24-1218 was discussed. There have been some discussions with the Hospital on the Ambulance Service. Staff are using zoom for some trainings. Also, the ambulance calls have almost doubled from last year.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the NECALG Meeting. They have rented office space in Sterling and they have purchased the building they were in from the State.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended the Yuma County Water Authority Meeting. The water decline on the North Fork is starting to show good. The South Fork has 12,020 acres under contract and they have another 3,000 acres waiting for contracts. The new feedlot was also discussed at the meeting.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Yuma County Landfill Meeting. A load of cardboard has been sold. The old packer was sold to Morgan County for \$125,000. The use of the Landfill is going up. The east segment will be done in about 4 or 5 years. Then there are still 40 acres on the west side, but then they will have to dig the pit.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla also attended the Electric Committee, Water/Wastewater Committee and Ambulance Committee meetings.

Adjournment

Shay moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer