

City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 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, Smith-Dischner, Swehla.

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 April 16, 2024 Agenda

Shay moved to approve the April 16, 2024 Agenda as presented. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Shay moved to approve the April 1, 2024 Minutes as presented. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Smith-Dischner abstained because she was not at the meeting). Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Action Items – Old Business

- A. Approval of Bills – Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with one more bill to approve and there were no bills to disclose. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the bills. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. Purchases in Excess of \$5,000 – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore requested approval to purchase 100LL fuel for the airport. The current price is \$5.72 per gallon for approximately 3,000 gallons of fuel. Manager Moore requested an amount not to exceed \$17,500 to Avfuel. Shay moved to approve the airport fuel purchase not to exceed \$17,500. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval of the purchase of fireworks for the July 3rd display. Last year the fireworks were purchased from Flying Phoenix for \$10,241. This year we budgeted \$13,000 assuming a price increase. This year there were two quotes received for the fireworks. The first quote is from Kelners Fireworks out of Pennsylvania. The quote from Kelners is \$10,657 for a larger show than last year. This does not include shipping. There was discussion of sending two people to pick up the fireworks, but there are a lot of obstacles in doing this. They did quote a delivery cost of \$9,628. The other quote is from Flying Phoenix. For the same show as last year, the quote is \$14,326 which includes delivery. Discussion was held. Shay moved to not exceed \$14,326 for fireworks and ask about a 20% discount. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment of Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Shay thanked Mayor Swehla for his years of service and dedication to the office.

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting – Continued with Newly Elected Council Members

Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members

Clerk/Treasurer Wells swore in Mayor McClung and Council Members Baucke, Diaz and Shay.

Meeting of Council with Newly Elected Members Called to Order by Mayor McClung

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Elect Mayor Pro Tem – Council. Mayor McClung stated Council needs to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Frame moved to appoint Marylu Smith-Dischner as the Mayor Pro Tem. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Set Time, Place and Day of Meetings – Council. Mayor McClung stated we need to set the time, place and day of the meetings. Shay moved to have meetings the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Action Items – New Business

- A. Resolution #12, Series of 2024 (Concessionaire Agreement with the Yuma Baseball Organization) – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore explained the Yuma Baseball Organization has been selling concessions at the baseball field for several years. This agreement extends the previous agreement. Smith-Dischner moved to approve Resolution #12, Series of 2024. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution #13, Series of 2024 (Authorizing City Personnel to Conduct Certain Banking Tasks) – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore stated this resolution is for people to be able to sign on our bank accounts and get into the safe deposit box. Shay moved to approve Resolution #13, Series of 2024. Second by Baucke. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Retail Establishment Permit Renewal for The Orphanage LLC – Local Licensing Authority, Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated this used to be an Art Gallery Permit, but was changed to a retail establishment permit by the State. Shay moved to approve the retail establishment permit renewal for The Orphanage LLC. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Reports

City Manager, Scott Moore

Manager Moore stated we have received the contracts back for the sewer line cure in place process (CIPP). They intend to start on April 22. There should be minimal to no interruption in services.

Manager Moore also stated one of the trash trucks caught on fire on Monday. We are guessing the cause is from grass clippings or hot coals. The trash was dumped out of the truck by Farmer Bean and then our Fire Department applied foam to the trash pile. The trash truck itself is still okay.

Spring Clean Up started on Monday. The weather is not cooperating as the winds have caused the Landfill to be closed.

The tree dump closure was extended to the end of this week. The tree dump is on City property and not property that is leased.

Manager Moore stated he hired a Grant Writer. She started on Monday and will be part time until May 20 at which time she will begin working full time.

A meeting was held with Mr. Adam Berger from the front range. Mr. Berger has experience with affordable housing developments. He will come out some time soon to look at the property and provide suggestions for the project.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Karma Wells

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with a finance report and a sales tax report.

Chief of Police, Jerry Thompson

Chief of Police Thompson stated he emailed Council the March police report.

City Council Reports

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke provided Council with pictures of a building to the south of his business. Council Member Baucke claims the building is a danger to people and would like to see something happen with this building. The property is not being maintained by the owners and the weeds are always a problem too. Council Member Baucke sprays the weeds on the north side of the building. Council Member Baucke would be willing to tear down the building if we could get past the abatement part.

Frame

- Council Member Frame stated she provided Council with a copy of the minutes from a previous Yuma County Economic Development Meeting. Council Member Frame attended the Yuma County Economic Development meeting last night. They discussed the CSU intern that they will have from June 3 to the first part of August. They highlighted Ag Week and the new website is up and going. They also discussed the Colorado Tourism grant and they still have a grant writer money available for assistance if anyone knows of someone needing assistance with grants.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Airport Committee Meeting. They discussed the taxiway reconstruction project. The project is scheduled for September to try to minimize the impact on the businesses at the Airport. The project should last 50 days. They also discussed the Annual Fly-In.

Smith-Dischner

- Mayor Pro Tem Smith-Dischner also attended the Airport Committee Meeting. She added that most of the projects completed at the airport only have a 5% city match. The concrete bid for the reconstruction project was 3 times the asphalt bid. The lifecycle of concrete versus asphalt was discussed.

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the Library Board Meeting. They presented the annual reports. They discussed increased use of the Library and the Mango language which is being promoted.

McClung

- Mayor McClung stated he also attended the Library Board Meeting.
- Mayor McClung is excited for the coming year. He stated at the meeting Council had at CHS, they discussed an old business category that would not be an action item, only an item on how to receive information from staff.
- Mayor McClung also mentioned having a different agenda process than in the past.

Adjournment

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

Tim McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer