

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
Call to Order – 6:32 P.M.**

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

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

Staff Present: Jerry Thompson, Karma Wells.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that Item 13A was added to the agenda before it was posted to the public.

Approval of May 6, 2025, Agenda

Shay moved to approve the May 6, 2025, agenda as presented. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Presentations (Informational)

A. Other Presentations (If any)

Police Chief Thompson presented council with an update on how the funds donated last year by KNEC are being utilized. It was decided to start a scholarship program for high school seniors. After completion of the application process, Ms. Chloe Smith was selected as the recipient.

Reports (Informational)

A. Interim City Manager – Karma Wells

i. Department Updates

Interim City Manager Wells stated that she will get the department updates to council by the end of the week.

Wells also updated council on the following topics:

-Interim City Manager Wells provided council with a timeline summary from KRW for the city manager selection process. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m. to review the virtual interviews and potentially select the candidate finalists. On June 5th and 6th, the finalists will come to Yuma for a tour of the city and a meet and greet on the 5th and interviews on the 6th.

Interim City Manager Wells provided Council with an incentive policy that was previously in force and asked if Council wanted to do something similar. Council's consensus was to move forward with the incentive policy.

-We are working on our comprehensive plan RFP. Wells will get that information to council before the next meeting for review.

We are also looking at doing the RFP for Airport Consultants. We have to do this process every 5 years.

-Interim City Manager Wells asked council if they would like to continue to approve requests for street closures for public events. Currently, the ordinance only requires administrative approval. After discussion, it was decided to let the administrative staff grant approval, then inform council on upcoming street closures.

-We need to notify the county by July regarding what we plan to have on the November ballot. There will be council candidates on the ballot. Discussion was held regarding adding a possible lodging tax to the ballot.

-The CML meeting will be held in Wray on Thursday, May 15th.

-There was a pool meeting today. The survey prepared by Assenza will be published on our website and Facebook page.

ii. Review of Suggestion Forms

Interim City Manager Wells reviewed with council four comments left in the suggestions box at city hall:

- Request for another handicap parking space on Main Street.
- Repair the rain gutters at the EMS station.
- Indoor air quality at City Hall.
- Issues with Code Enforcement and cleaning up our town.

Discussion was held on each comment. Chief Thompson stated that our Code Enforcement Officer has issued 144 door hangers as of April 29.

B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

i. Finance Report

City Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided council with the January and February finance reports and informed council that our audit is taking place this week. The auditors are in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. Police Chief – Jerry Thompson

Chief Thompson reported that our Police Cadet will be graduating from the Academy next Wednesday.

Upon Chief Thompson's resignation, Mayor McClung thanked him for his years of service. He is to be commended for bringing the department a long way from where it was.

D. City Attorney – Kathryn Sellars (If necessary)

None.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Frame

- Council Member Frame stated she attended department tours for the Animal Shelter, Community Enrichment Center and the Library.

Diaz

- Council Member Diaz stated that he was present to watch Mark Triplett and Mary Turney repair the alley behind City Hall.

Shay

- Council Member Shay announced that the NECALG annual meeting will be held on May 21st, in Sterling.
- Council Member Shay attended the Landfill Board meeting. They were able to sell some cardboard. The price is holding well for this time of year.
- Shay also attended the department tours.

McClung

- Mayor McClung stated that he attended most of the meetings already referenced.
- There was a swimming pool meeting with the architect today. They discussed the survey that will be going out which will ask the community what they want or don't want for a swimming pool.
- Mayor McClung also took part in the Retail Coach meeting today. They are continuing to search for possible businesses to bring to Yuma.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of April 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$5,000.
 - i. Purchase of Alley Preparation Machine
 - ii. Purchase of Fireworks for July 3, 2025

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

Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)

A. Approval of disclosed disbursements (if needed)

None.

B. Approval of Grant Application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant for City Park Restroom Upgrades

Interim City Manager Wells stated that this is a grant that Angela Cordell is working on. It is a no match grant for \$50,000 to upgrade the restrooms at City Park. Discussion was held regarding how to prevent vandalism in the restrooms. Security cameras were discussed and Chief Thompson stated that the wired cameras are a better option than Wi-Fi. Mayor McClung suggested that the restrooms be locked when the park closes for the day. Mayor McClung also stated that currently City staff are waiting to submit applications for no match grants pending council approval. He proposed that on no match grants, they should just go ahead and apply for the grant, then provide council with information on the grants that they have applied for. It was agreed to follow that protocol going forward. Shay moved to approve the grant application. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

C. Proclamation for EMS Week May 18 – 24, 2025

Interim City Manager Wells stated that ambulance director, Keriann Josh, prepared the proclamation recognizing May 18 – 24, 2025, as EMS Week. Mayor McClung read the proclamation. Shay moved to approve the proclamation. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

D. Resolution #30, Series of 2025 – Colorado Division of Aeronautics Grant for Taxiway A2 Reconstruction

Interim City Manager Wells stated that this grant would assist with the Taxiway A2 reconstruction project. We are receiving funds from three grants to help fund this project. This grant would be in the amount of

\$118,947. The city's match is \$2,974.00. Baucke moved to approve Resolution #30, Series of 2025. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

E. Resolution #31, Series of 2025 – Ambulance Rates

Interim City Manager Wells stated this resolution sets new rates for ambulance services to help offset increasing costs. These changes will not affect the reimbursements received from Medicare and Medicaid. The new rates will go into effect on June 1, 2025:

A. Basic Life Support, non-emergency and emergency	\$1,425
B. Advanced Life Support, non-emergency and emergency	\$2,000
C. Advance Life Support, Level 2	\$2,425
D. Specialty Care	\$3,000
E. Mileage	\$35.00/mile

Shay moved to approve Resolution #31, Series of 2025. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

F. Consideration of Third and Fourth Avenue Street Projects

Mayor McClung stated that he and Interim City Manager Wells met with Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) regarding options for drainage on the Third and Fourth Avenue projects. The drainage report conducted by Diamondback (now Miller & Associates), was provided to SEH. Upon their review, SEH is not in agreement with the size of pipe that should be used to handle the drainage if we experience a 10-year or 100-year storm. They have presented the following options:

- Option 1: Do nothing, leaving the existing 36" storm pipe.
- Option 2: Replace the 36" storm pipe with 43" x 68" elliptical pipe, which will help the drainage system, but won't pass a 10-year or 100-year storm.
- Option 3: Replace the 36" storm pipe with 43" x 68" elliptical pipe and 3' x 12' reinforced box culverts.

We have applied for a DOLA grant that will cover the cost of replacing the water lines, storm water lines and the paving over those lines. In July we should find out if we are receiving the grant funds. Discussion was held. An informal vote was held. Option 1 and Option 2 each received three votes. It was decided to have SEH proceed with the project design using Option 2. If we don't receive the DOLA grant funds, we may go with Option 1.

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

A. Tabled Action Items

None.

Additional Business

A. Direction on possible moratorium on building and land use permits.

Attorney Ruthanne Goff joined the meeting via Zoom to provide legal guidance on this topic. Mayor McClung led the discussion regarding recent incidents of citizens converting outbuildings into apartments. This is causing permit and parking issues. Discussion was held regarding whether we should put a moratorium on ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) until we can get a plan in place. Attorney Goff advised that moratoriums need to be narrow in scope ranging from 3 to 9 months. We will need to draft a moratorium ordinance to be added as an agenda item at the next council meeting.

Executive Session

"To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the

appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees, regarding discussion of the Interim Chief of Police position.”

Mayor McClung stated council intends to meet in executive session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees, regarding discussion of the Interim Chief of Police position. Shay moved to go into executive session. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 8:56 p.m. A statement was read for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

Other New Business (Continued)

G. Possible Appointment of Interim Chief of Police

Shay moved to appoint Curtis Witte as the Interim Chief of Police. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Timothy McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer