

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024**

**Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
Call to Order – 6:33 P.M.**

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

Members Present: Baucke, Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay. (Diaz 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 June 17, 2024 Agenda

Shay moved to approve the June 17, 2024 agenda as presented. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Denney was present to discuss an issue with his electric meter not reading. He wants to know how he can have usage on his bill if his meter isn't reading and isn't satisfied with the information he received about it. He believes he isn't getting honest answers from city staff.

Mr. Denney also brought forth concerns about the police department. He explained a situation with his 16 year old son who was driving with a friend in the car, when they were pulled over by officers. Mr. Denney believes that his son did nothing wrong and that the officers had no reason to pull him over. He stated that he feels the situation was not handled properly.

Executive Session – Negotiations

“To determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (e), regarding potential litigation.”

Mayor McClung stated Council intends to meet in executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (e), regarding potential litigation.

Shay moved to go into executive session. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 7:14 p.m. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

Presentations

None.

Reports (Informational)

City Manager – Scott Moore

Storm Damage Report

Manager Moore gave an update on damage from the storm. All city buildings have some degree of damage. A representative from CIRSA was here to take a look at things and recommended that a private engineer be hired, at CIRSA's expense, to come and assess the damage to the buildings; specifically, the roofs. We had Sodderburg's give an estimate on the windows. Some of them can be reglazed rather than being replaced. The estimate came in at around \$109,000. For the roof replacements, Manager Moore believes it would be best to take bids on all of the roofs as a package deal. CIRSA is going to pay Building Inspector, Chad Rayl, to be the project coordinator on all of the work. Manager Moore estimates that we have approximately 25 city vehicles with damage. An appraiser will be here Wednesday morning to take a look at those.

Transfer Station Feasibility Report

Manager Moore said that he received the report last week and a waste transfer facility is not viable at this time. He asked Miller and Associates if compaction equipment was included in the proposal and they said it was not because it would be more costly and overweight our trucks by hauling the equipment.

Staffing Report

Manager Moore stated that there have been no changes regarding staffing. We have had a couple of candidates for the position of Administrative Assistant for the Enterprise Funds. We are short two employees in the street department and short one employee in the water/wastewater departments. In the ambulance department, we have one paramedic who will be out for at least a week. We budgeted for one new paramedic and one new EMT in 2024. Ambulance Director, Keriann Josh, will advertise for those positions again.

City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

Finance Report

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided council with the finance reports for March and April.

Sales Tax Report

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided council with the sales tax report. Mayor McClung asked if the sales tax report includes internet sales. Ms. Wells confirmed that it does.

Entertainment District

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided information to council regarding Entertainment Districts, which has been discussed by council in the past. Discussion was held and the current process that is used for special events is preferred. The consensus is to table this topic indefinitely.

Staffing Report

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that her department is fully staffed.

Chief of Police – Jerry Thompson

Staffing Report

Chief Thompson stated that he is still short 2 officers. He does have an interested party who is doing a ride along on Thursday.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the library board meeting. So far there are around 200 children signed up for the summer reading program. They are dealing with water damage at the library, but should have everything fixed in a couple of weeks.

McClung

- Mayor McClung attended the street and sanitation department meetings. In the street department, they are getting asphalt. They had to buy cold mix because the hot mix was not available. Manager Moore added that there are ARPA funds that need to be used for the streets. In the Sanitation department, both trash trucks are running now.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of June 4, 2024 meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$5,000.
- D. Approve Application for COPS Safer Outcome Grant.

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

Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)

A. Approval of Disclosed Disbursements – Karma Wells

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that there is one disbursement to disclose for Mayor McClung. Shay moved to approve the disbursement to McClung. Second by Frame. Question. 4 ayes. 1 abstain (McClung). Motion carried.

B. Discussion on Council Vacancy

Discussion was held regarding the council vacancy due to the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Smith-Dischner. We will solicit Letters of Interest which will be reviewed at the July 16, 2024 meeting. Whomever fills the position will serve until the end of the vacated term which is November of 2025.

C. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

With the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Smith Dischner, a new Mayor Pro Tem needs to be selected. Baucke nominated Council Member Benish as Mayor Pro Tem. Second by Frame. Question. 4 ayes. 1 abstain. (Benish). Motion carried.

D. Donation Request from Baby Bear Hugs

Ms. Jennifer Dean, Executive Director of Baby Bear Hugs, was present to make a \$1,000 donation request to bring back the 5-10 to Yuma race as a fundraiser and a celebration of our community. They are looking at the September/October timeframe for holding the event. Shay moved to donate \$500 to Baby Bear Hugs. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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

A. Tabled Action Items – None

B. Approve Resolution #16, Series of 2024 – Conditional Use approval for SARA House.

Shay moved to approve Resolution #16, Series of 2024. Second by Baucke. Question. 4 ayes. 1 abstain (Frame). Motion carried.

Additional Business

Manager Moore gave a demonstration to council on the meter reading process when a meter register does not show a number on it.

Adjournment

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

Tim McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer