

City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO
Call to Order – 6:34 P.M.

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

Members Present: Baucke, Benish, Diaz, McClung, Shay.

Members Absent: Dischner, Frame.

Staff Present: Eric Duthie, Cameron Josh, Stacie Gonzalez.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

City Manager Duthie stated that item 10Ci on the agenda is being tabled.

Approval of September 16, 2025, Agenda

Shay moved to approve the September 16, 2025, agenda as amended. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Presentations (Informational)

A. Other Presentations (If any)

None.

Reports (Informational)

A. City Manager – Eric Duthie

Manager Duthie provided council with his report and gave additional details on the following items:

- Manager Duthie met with the owners of the Lett Hotel. He informed them that council is encouraging them to take the porch down. They need to get a demolition permit from the State of Colorado.
- We have received five applications for the Chief of Police position and are in the process of setting up interviews. We have a target start date of November 3, 2025.
- Manager Duthie met with the County Emergency Manager.
- Duthie had the opportunity to sit in on a call with Sandhills Solar. They plan to be in operation at the end of the month. We have received the signed agreement from them which extended the completion date to December 31 and doubled the penalty if that deadline is not met.
- Manager Duthie attended the Yuma County Economic Development meeting last night along with Council Member Frame. They are working on redesigning their structure with a more narrow scope of focus.
- On Friday, Manager Duthie met with State Representative Dusty Johnson at the Town Hall meeting in Akron. They had a good discussion and have been in communication since the meeting. Johnson helped to arrange a meeting in Greeley with Congresswoman Lauren Boebert's office for introductions, as her local staff has changed.
- The new communication equipment for the council area has arrived and our IT technicians hope to have it installed and operational by the end of October.

B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

Clerk/Treasurer Wells was absent due to a death in her family, so no report was given.

C. Interim Chief of Police – Officer Cameron Josh

i. Police Report

Officer Cameron Josh reported for Interim Chief Witte who was absent due to a health issue with a family member. Josh stated that the police report had been sent out to council and the Axon agreement was included in council packets.

ii. Introduction of Interns

SRO D.J. Hass was present to introduce another new intern. Otis High School heard of our intern program and student Ally Bledsoe wished to participate. Ally is also a cadet with the ambulance service. SRO Hass stated that we now have 3 interns and that is all that the police department can accommodate.

D. City Attorney – Kathryn Sellars (If necessary)

None.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Baucke

- Council Member Baucke attended the CDOT meeting in Akron with Manager Duthie. There are many grants available to us. We just need to finish the application process. Baucke added that it is very important for us to attend these meetings. We haven't been involved in the past and it has cost us grant funds.

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the community breakfast with Manager Duthie. They learned that the hospital is getting a new MRI machine. A short presentation on the new swimming pool was given and was well received.

McClung

- Mayor McClung stated that he attended the Municipal Leadership Academy in Grand Junction. It was a two-day training that covered renewable, sustainable energy. They learned about water issues in Colorado and also new advances in recycling.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of September 2, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$25,000.
 - i. Purchase of Used Tractor – This item was tabled
 - ii. Purchase of Axon Services for Police Department

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 (if needed)

None.

B. Resolution #70, Series of 2025 – Speed Management Study Letter of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Transportation – Tim McClung

Mayor McClung covered this in the absence of Interim Chief Witte. McClung stated that CDOT needs to conduct a traffic study before we can move forward with any plans for creating a safety corridor and speed reduction on Highway 34. This is just the first step in the process which is required by the state. There is no cost to the city for this study. Shay moved to approve Resolution #70, Series of 2025. Second by Diaz. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

C. CIRSA Insurance Renewal – Eric Duthie

City Manager Duthie stated that council was provided with documentation covering the details of our insurance renewal with CIRSA. A comparison in premium from 2025 to 2026 was provided which shows an increase of 11.865%, or \$27,178. In attendance from CIRSA to present the renewal to council were Mr. Sam Light, Deputy Executive Director and Ms. Jill Padbury, Underwriting Manager. Mr. Light began by giving council some background information on CIRSA. The City of Yuma has been a member since 2015. Ms. Padbury reviewed the coverage that the city currently has including a \$10 million general liability limit and a \$5 million auto liability limit. Discussion was held. The quote for 2026 is \$255,824.57. We have the option to explore going with higher deductibles to help lower our premium. Our renewal due date for 2026 coverage is October 1, but Ms. Padbury stated that she can send out a letter to extend that date to October 8, due to the next council meeting being on October 7.

D. Resolution #71, Series of 2025 – Professional Services Agreement with Ayers Associates Inc for Comprehensive Plan – Eric Duthie

City Manager Duthie stated that at the August 19 meeting, council approved the bid from Ayers Planning and Development in an amount not to exceed \$180,500 for our comprehensive plan. The city has received a grant in the amount of \$92,500 to help offset the cost. Engagement meetings with Ayers will start in November. The projected completion date for the comprehensive plan is June, 2026. Shay moved to approve Resolution #71, Series of 2025. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

E. Resolution #63, Series of 2025 – Secondary Manufacturers' Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form Regarding the National Opioid Settlement – Eric Duthie

City Manager Duthie stated that this is for the second round of funds distribution from the National Opioid Settlement. The amount that we will receive is not available yet, but if we don't meet the deadline of October 8, we will miss out completely. Shay moved to approve Resolution #63, Series of 2025. Second by Diaz. 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

None.

Adjournment

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

Timothy McClung
Mayor

Stacie Gonzalez
Deputy City Clerk