

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes
Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
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 McClung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Baucke, Dischner, Frame, McClung, Shay.

Members Absent: Benish, Diaz.

Staff Present: Eric Duthie, Curtis Witte, Karma Wells.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that there is one correction to the consent agenda. The date of the special meeting was October 14, not October 13.

Approval of October 21, 2025, Agenda

Shay moved to approve the October 21, 2025, agenda as corrected. Second by Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

None.

Presentations (Informational)

A. Employee Years of Service Recognition

Clerk/Treasurer Wells recognized the following city employees who had their service year anniversaries in October:

Matthew Crossland began his employment with the city in the street department on October 23, 2017. He then moved to the sanitation department on October 15, 2021. Matt has 8 years of service with the city.

Damon Dischner began his employment with the city in the water/wastewater departments on October 3, 2022. Damon has 3 years of service with the city.

Nicholi McCasland began his employment with the city as a lifeguard on July 1, 2005. He worked five summers as a lifeguard. Nicholi began full-time employment with the city in the water/wastewater departments on October 9, 2017. He also became a part-time EMT on January 23, 2023. Currently, Nicholi is only a part-time employee for the ambulance service. He has 8 years of service with the city.

John Prettyman began his service with the city as a lineman in the electric department on October 29, 2012. John became the interim electrical superintendent on June 30, 2013. He went on to become the electrical superintendent on September 8, 2013. John has 13 years of service with the city.

Jim Sauer began his employment with the city in the wastewater department on October 8, 2001. He became the water department supervisor on October 6, 2002 and then the parks department supervisor on September 12, 2005. On August 15, 2007, Jim moved to the water/wastewater departments. Jim has 24 years of service with the city.

Mary Turney began her service with the city in the street department on October 23, 2022. Mary has 3 years of service with the city.

B. Other Presentations (If any)

None.

Reports (Informational)

A. City Manager – Eric Duthie

Manager Duthie provided council with his written report and gave highlights on the following items:

- Manager Duthie stated that the airport insurance is going to be renewed. We received recommendations for two providers, with one of those being our current provider. The quote from the other provider was less, with more coverage and a three-year premium freeze, so we will be signing up with them.
- The concrete crushing has been completed and some additional asphalt was crushed while the contractor was in town.
- On the 2026 Comprehensive Plan, we had a meeting last Monday morning with the consultants and all department heads.
- The airport electrical expansion is completed.
- The interviews for Police Chief will be held on October 28, 2025.
- CHFA will be here for a site visit and dinner on November 5 to introduce their staff to the city.
- It is time to update the Yuma County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The county has hired a consultant for this.
- Manager Duthie toured the museum and learned that there is a program in Yuma County that is privately funded to establish historic school site signs. There are four locations in Yuma County that will be getting signs. The signs will be going up over the next few weeks.
- We had a call yesterday with CDOT Aeronautics Division to talk about our capital improvement plan for the airport.

B. City Clerk/Treasurer – Karma Wells

i. Sales Tax Report

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided council with the sales tax report for October.

ii. Department Updates

Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided council with department updates from October 13, 2025.

C. Interim Chief of Police – Curtis Witte

Interim Chief Witte informed council that he will be attending a meeting in Wray next Monday to discuss emergency evacuation plans.

Interim Chief Witte was asked to give an update on the high school interns. He stated that they are doing well. They have been shadowing our code enforcement officer and will be riding with officers next.

D. City Attorney – Kathryn Sellars (If necessary)

None.

City Council Reports/Comments (Informational)

Frame

- Council Member Frame stated that she attended the Yuma County Economic Development meeting last night in Wray. Work has begun on the co-working space at NJC. A couple of smaller counties would like to have a regional housing discussion. Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma counties would like to pool funds to hire a housing specialist.

Shay

- Council Member Shay attended the NECALG meeting. The county gives a lot of rides to Medicaid patients. It looks like there is only enough funding left for a couple of months due to the government shutdown.
- Shay also attended the Landfill Board meeting. Everyone is pleased with the new manager and his team. They work hard to keep the landfill open even in windy conditions.
- Council Member Shay attended the Water Authority Board meeting. They are focusing on water conservation.

Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- A. Approval of October 7, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the October 14, 2025, special meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll.
- C. Purchases in excess of \$25,000.

Shay moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the discussed correction. Second by Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearings and Other New Business (Action Items)

A. Approval of disclosed disbursements (if needed)

None.

B. Resolution #75, Series of 2025 – Approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Kumar & Associates

Clerk/Treasurer Wells explained that this is the agreement to have soil cleanup done at the city shop. Council had requested that we ask the Bank of Colorado to split the cost of the cleanup with the city. Their answer was no. The total cost of the work is \$11,650. Shay moved to approve Resolution #75, Series of 2025. Second by Dischner. Question. 4 ayes. 1 nay (McClung). Motion carried.

C. First Reading of Ordinance #14, Series of 2025 – Amending Title 17 of the Yuma Municipal Code Concerning Accessory Dwelling Units

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that council had issued a moratorium on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on June 3, 2025. Wells said Council has been working with Attorney Sellars on drafting the ordinance for ADUs. The first draft is being presented tonight. Mayor McClung stated that there will be a lot of behind-the-scenes administrative procedures to determine once this passes. The moratorium expires on December 3. McClung asked that we have an administrative process in place by the first council meeting in December. Baucke moved to approve on first reading Ordinance #14, Series of 2025. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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

A. Tabled Action Items

None.

B. Public Hearing on Second Reading of Ordinance #12, Series of 2025 – Amending Chapter 2.04 of the Yuma Municipal Code Concerning Term Limits

Clerk/Treasurer Wells explained that the public voted in 1998 to eliminate term limits. After the vote was done, there was never a codification done to the code to reflect the change. This ordinance adds the elimination of term limits to our code. Mayor McClung opened the public hearing. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #12, Series of 2025. Second by Frame. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

C. Public Hearing on Second Reading of Ordinance #13, Series of 2025 – Amending Section 8.26.050 of the Yuma Municipal Code by the Addition of a New Subsection 8.26.050 9 (E) Titled Abatement by Show Cause Hearing

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that we discussed this process at the last meeting to come up with a system to expedite the code violation process. Mayor McClung opened the public hearing. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Shay moved to approve on second reading Ordinance #13, Series of 2025. Second by Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Business

None.

Adjournment

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

Timothy McClung
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer