

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR SWEHLA AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla. Benish absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Karma Wells, Candy Gilliland.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the February 21, 2023 Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023 MINUTES

Council Member Baucke moved to approve February 7, 2023 Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR INSTALLING WINDOWS AND FLOORING AT THE SCOUT HOUSE – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated staff requested bids for the scout house. A bid was received for \$13,288.00. This bid would include installing windows and trim, and flooring and installation. \$5,000.00 was budgeted for the 2023 budget. Discussion was held. Mayor Swehla moved to accept the bid of \$13,288.00 to finish the Scout House. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. 1 no (Baucke). Motion carried.
- B. CONSIDERATION OF SCRAP WIRE BIDS – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated there was a request for bids in the newspaper for the scrap wire from the light plant on West Railroad. There was one bid from Dennis Wademan for \$1,005.00. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bid for the scrap wire. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. PROCLAMATION FOR YUMA COUNTY AG APPRECIATION WEEK – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated it has been requested to approve a proclamation for Yuma County Ag Appreciation Week for 3/19-3/25. City Manager Scott Moore read the proclamation. Council Member McClung moved to approve the proclamation for Yuma County Ag Appreciation Week. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. APPROVAL OF JAG GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – JERRY THOMPSON.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated this grant would cover new laptops to replace desktops in offices and tablets

in cars. This will not be a matching grant. Last year's grant was \$28,000- \$39,000. So far, he has gotten a quote for \$33,948.60 and waiting on two more quotes. Chief Thompson would like approval of the grant application not to exceed \$40,000 for grant. Council Member McClung moved to approve the grant application not to exceed \$40,000. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

E. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated two additional lists have been handed out for 2022 and 2023 bills. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve bills. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

F. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** None.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

- Manager Moore received an update from NJC on insurance. There is a backlog for the reclamation companies, therefore they are behind their normal times. Library is back in operation.
- Mr. Alan Krier, with Concrete Specialties, came to look at the Centennial Road project and is hoping to be back in a week, weather permitting, to fix things.
- The police department requested closing a few streets in Industrial Park because of the road conditions. The Street Department tried to take a blade out to try to drain water. It was very difficult because of the mud.
- Manager Moore stated we have ordered 240 tons of road base to try to build a base to make the roads more passable. Need good weather or there is nothing more the city can do with these roads until then.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

- Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided the sales tax and finance report to Council.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated department tours were awesome and he learned a lot. A lot goes into each department and he felt the City should offer tours to the community a couple times a year.
- Council Member McClung also attended the library board meeting. The library is back up and going. They are prepping for the summer reading program. There is a lot more going on at the library than just books.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay stated the Yuma County Water Authority will be having a seminar on taking care of your yard on April 8th in Yuma. There will be a person from CSU extension doing the presentation.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay had a NECALG meeting to approve the budget. They are looking to buy new buses for County Express. They are trying to budget for 6 buses, but may end with 4, due to the price.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also stated the department tours were excellent.

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the CML Policy Committee meeting last Friday. Council Member Frame reviewed several Congressional Bills being discussed.

- Council Member Frame also attended the Yuma County Economic Development meeting. They discussed the Roll Jump Start program, which encourages new businesses into the community and allows for a grant for first time businesses to build.
- YCED will be offering a trade scholarship as they did last year and the deadline is April 1st. It is emphasized for the electrical trades, but other trades will be considered as well.
- There was a grant received for EDCC in 2021 for \$17,500 that has not been spent. YCED will spend part of this money to advance their website for tourism.
- Council Member Frame also stated the department tours were great

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated he enjoyed the tours. He learned something new every time. It takes a lot to run all the departments, and lots of time to learn everything.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer