

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Baucke, Benish, Frame, McClung, Shay, Smith-Dischner, Swehla. Baucke left during executive session.

STAFF PRESENT: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Candy Gilliland, Stacie Gonzalez.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2023 AGENDA

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the March 7, 2023 Agenda. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the February 21, 2023 Minutes. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joe Newton stated he was here to discuss the conditions on Homestead Trail and Centennial Road. The first of December, a sewer line construction took place and Centennial Road was closed down. A letter was submitted to the City for the Mayor and Council Members to review. It is asked for everyone to look at the letter presented and ask that there is a written response of a timeline of what is going on. There are also a couple issues addressed in the letter presented. Signatures were gathered by most residents on Homestead Trail and most at the meeting.

Mr. James Matson stated he has a little bit of a different take on what's going on at Homestead Trail. Homestead Trail connects with Centennial Road in two Places, the north and south intersections. All the snow and rain water drains to the north intersection of Homestead Trail and Centennial Road. With the lack of drainage, there is almost always standing water at this intersection with the issue being year round. Road closed signs and barricades are helping but some have been moved and people are driving around making deep tracks in the road and tearing up what road surface that is left. Mr. Matson asks what the plan is for repair and suggests providing drainage across Centennial Road at the north intersection would make a big difference in solving the standing water issue at hand. It was asked that road closure signs and barricades be place at the intersection of Centennial Road and Highway 59 by the water tower to help those from mistakenly finding themselves stuck in mud. Thank you to the City and employees for doing their best in trying to make the situation better.

Ms. Josie Gordo stated she was here to talk about her family's property on the road by the fair grounds. They have received one violation and have 30 days to get rid of their livestock. The family has talked to the Police Department and was told to talk to the City while the City has told them to talk to the Police Department. The family has lived on that property with their livestock for over 30 years. Ms. Gordo asked if there was a Bill going

out that she was not aware of or if the property has changed from industrial to residential. Not all people on this road have gotten violations, only a few. Mayor Swehla stated Ms. Gordo and her family will need to set up a meeting to talk to City Manager Scott Moore and Police Chief Jerry Thompson.

Mr. Adam Beauprez stated that he lives on Homestead Trail and wanted to bring up some concerns he had. There has been a drainage problem on Homestead Trail and there has never been a storm system of any kind. With the rain we had last summer and the large amount of snow we have had this winter, a problem is happening. There is a vacant lot on Homestead Trail and suggests putting a retention pond at the vacant lot for all the standing water and keep the roads dry. Mr. Beauprez asked Council to look at the picture he has provided.

Mr. Manuel Anaya stated on Thursday, he was the only person that had received a violation notice for his livestock. He is asking why everyone around him can have their livestock but he is in violation. Mr. Manuel Anaya stated that when he purchased his home, he was told he could have livestock at this property for 4-H and such. Mr. Manuel has lived at this residence for 2-3 years and was never told by Code or by the City that they could not have livestock on his property, until now. Mayor Swehla suggested making an appointment with City Manager Scott Moore and Chief of Police Jerry Thompson so they can explain zoning and to find a time to meet with them.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. HART FAMILY FUND GRANT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION -SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that our local Historical Preservation Society has applied for two grants. The Hart Family Fund and the State Historical Fund Grant. Chad Rayl is here with more information.

Mr. Chad Rayl stated that part of the requirements is to get a survey by the State. The Commission has been very active the past three years to find surveyors. Mr. Chad Rayl has contacted 36 surveyors over those three years and none were interested. We finally found one who was willing to come out and invest her time to help secure this grant. This specific fund is targeted for small towns that have a population on 10,000 people or less. This also helps stimulate some discussion to get interest in the community and provide expertise. This group will give the cash up front to help generate interest and host functions to get more community members involved and hear their stories so the past does not get lost and can educate the new generations. The amount is \$15-20,000. The State Historical Fund Grant is \$2,500 to 15,000. It is projected it will cost \$27,000 for the survey. Mr. Chad Rayl provided a map of the location of what they want surveyed first. The locations will be from the railroad, heading south to Fifth Avenue, and go two blocks on each side of Main Street. The process behind that is as the commissions or the board changes, this survey gives them a good baseline or pinpoint to start. We have talked with the State and representative Ashley and they are wanting to involve more communities in doing these surveys.

Council Members asked if we have to do these surveys in order to receive this grant, if the grant will cover the survey, and if this grant has any matching funds. Mr. Chad Rayl stated that it is a requirement to have these surveys done in order to receive this grant. The grant will cover the survey among other things. There will be no matching funds.

Mayor Swehla stated he would like to back the meeting up during the citizen's recognition and wanted to apologize for skipping over and that they will be hearing from and getting information from the City.

Mr. Chad Rayl stated the first grant is due soon and Representative Ashley is willing to help and put in the time until the grant is funded and she would be reimbursed for her services.

Council Member Smith – Dischner moved to approve survey for the Hart Family Fund Grant for Historic preservation. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.

- B. STATE HISTORICAL FUND GRANT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION – SCOTT MOORE.** Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the application for the State Historical Fund Grant for Historic Preservation. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF BILLS – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated there was an additional list of bills handed out and there is nothing to disclose. Mayor Pro Tem Shay made a motion to approve the bills. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.
- D. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated he has several purchases over \$5,000.
1. The Main Street Revitalization Project to replace the sign at the corner of Main Street and Highway 34. The purchase request is for 50% of the cost of the sign from Signdealz which is \$15,195.50. Fifty percent is due upon ordering, 40% upon production, and the balance when shipped. Ms. Wendy Lynch is here to answer any questions. This is part of the Main Street Revitalization Grant. Ms. Lynch stated after talking to CDOT, they stated funds could be shifted from one line item to another for the project. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve \$15,195.50 for purchase of 50% of the sign at highway 34 and Main Street from Signdealz. Second by Smith-Dischner. Council Member Baucke asked if this is in the budget. Discussion was held. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
 2. City Manager Scott Moore stated that this item goes along with the Main Street Revitalization project. This part is for the planter poles and arms to fit on the decorative poles on Main Street for the hanging plants. This cost is \$11,331.84 and they would be purchased from Western United. The light pole manufacturer has stated that these planter arms should fit seamlessly onto the poles standing and will not scratch the poles. Discussion was held. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase of the light pole arms of \$11,331.84. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
 3. City Manager Scott Moore stated the third request has to do with the AWOS system at the airport. We have had maintenance with DBT Transportation for the last 6 years. This company does periodical maintenance, emergency maintenance. The annual price for this year is \$6,227 with comparison last year was \$6,045. They do come out three times a year to do maintenance, to adjust and recalibrate and respond to outages or issues we may have. Council Member Baucke moved to pay the AWOS system. Second by Frame. Council Member Dischner asked if we were reimbursed anything for the AWOS system. Manager Moore stated we do receive 90% reimbursement for this expense. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
 4. City Manager Scott Moore stated this next item was not provided in packets but information was provided by email with an explanation on a 150 horse power motor that runs the Mitchell water well. This was discussed at the budget workshop and budgeted for this replacement. There are two estimates received. One was for \$17,610 and the other \$16,499. It was advised that we rebuild the existing motor. The price for rebuilding would be \$8,414. Once this rebuild is done it will be used as a spare and will fit two other water wells if needed. This request is for the motor, the motor rebuild, installation costs and shipping not to exceed \$27,000. The budget was \$50,000. Discussion was held. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase of the new motor not to exceed \$17,000 and the rebuild not to exceed \$9,000 from Norco Electric. Second by Benish. It was stated this will be paid from the Water Utility Fund. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

City Manager Moore stated he wanted to address the Homestead Trail and Centennial Road issues. Manager Moore thanked the community members for coming and stated we are listening to their concerns. The City is drafting a letter in response to send out to everyone. Unfortunately, they do need the roads to dry out before they can address the road conditions. The contractor who is doing this project has visited the site twice and is hoping to be able to be next week to address it. They have promised to fix everything and make it look like it was if not better. The same contractor has gone out there to improve the drainage system and possibly dig up some ditches draining to the field to the east. It is in the plans to use a type of pan that may address the issue. There are also plans of adding a pan over by 202. City Manager Moore apologized it has taken so much longer than anticipated to get to.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

None.

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

Chief of Police Jerry Thompson provided reports from February in council packets.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung

- Council Member McClung attended the streets and sanitation committee meetings. They discussed the challenges that are arising are the drainage with snow melt. Streets/Shop/Sanitation Supervisor Triplett and his crew are planning for future events in dealing with the aftermath.

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the airport committee meeting. The engineering was talked about with the project that will be happening in 2024 for the taxi way revitalization. They are looking for a time frame that will minimize the interference of the Ag spraying that will happen.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the airport meeting. They are working on a fly in event that sounds pretty exciting.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla also attended the streets and sanitation committee meetings.
- Mayor Swehla thanked everyone for attending the strategic planning meeting last Saturday and spending the day. We did a good job and are looking forward to the next one.

9. 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(4)(e), regarding leased City property & effluent water sale to Yuma Ethanol.”

Manager Moore 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(4)(e), regarding leased City property & effluent water sale to Yuma Ethanol.

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 8:19pm. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the adjournment of the council meeting. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. (Baucke absent.) Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Stacie Gonzalez
Deputy City Clerk