

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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, McClung, Shay, Swehla. Frame and Smith-Dischner absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Karma Wells, Jeanne Triplett, Scott Moore, Jerry Thompson.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated to take item G off the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2023 AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the March 21, 2023, Agenda as amended. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2023 MINUTES

Council Member Baucke moved to approve the March 7, 2023, Minutes as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. DONATION REQUEST FROM NECALG – COUNTY EXPRESS DIVISION – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated paperwork was received from NECALG requesting a donation from City Council. Mr. Charles Bunnell and Ms. Brandy McMeekin spoke on behalf of NECALG/County Express. Mr. Charles Bunnell stated NECALG is requesting a \$4,250 donation. County Express is a good source of transportation in Yuma for job fairs, doctor's appointments, shopping, etc. Mr. Charles Bunnell stated numbers have gone up from last year and have been increasing since COVID hit. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the request from NECALG-County Express in the amount of \$4,250. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. DONATION REQUEST FROM BABY BEAR HUGS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated paperwork was turned from Baby Bear Hugs requesting a donation. Ms. Jennifer Dean is here on behalf of Baby Bear Hugs. Ms. Jennifer Dean stated she is here to ask for a donation/sponsorship from the City. On April 22nd they will be having a gala at Red Willow and have not had a gala since COVID. Ms. Jennifer Dean is asking for the City to donate \$100. City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated that Baby Bear Hugs works with the Library and Librarian Jeanne Triplett would like to take it out of her budget. Council Member McClung moved to approve the donation request from Baby Bear Hugs for \$100. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.

- C. **DONATION REQUEST FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL FOR YUMA, WASHINGTON, AND KIT CARSON COUNTIES – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated that there was a donation request submitted by Ms. Claudia Strait on behalf of Early Childhood Council. Ms. Strait was unable to attend, due to illness, but shared information with City Clerk/ Treasurer Karma Wells to provide to Council. Early Childhood Council for Yuma, Washington, and Kit Carson Counties will be having their first ever annual children’s art show fundraiser and collecting art work from children ages 3 to 8 years old in Yuma, Washington, and Kit Carson Counties. These art items will be collected and then the art work will be auctioned. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the donation request of \$250 for Early Childhood for Yuma, Washington, and Kit Carson Counties. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. **RESOLUTION #6, SERIES OF 2023 (AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CANDY GILLILAND AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated Candy Gilliland’s last day with City of Yuma was Last Thursday. We are unable to fill all of her duties at this time, especially with the grants for the pool, PIO, drug tests, and CIRSA trainings. Candy has agreed to be an independent contractor for us for \$30 per hour worked. This will be ongoing for some months. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #6, Series of 2023. Second by Swehla. Question. Discussion was held. The consensus of Council was to review this in August at the first Council meeting. 5 ayes. Motion carried
- E. **MODIFICATION OF PREMISE FOR TUMBLEWEED BREWING AND WINE COMPANY LLC – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated that an application was submitted for Tumbleweed Brewing and Wine Company LLC for a modification of premise which will be June 2nd and 3rd 2023. Trent Bushner was present to speak on behalf of Tumbleweed. He will talk to businesses about closing the street. Discussion was held. Council Member Baucke moved to approve the modification of premise for Tumbleweed Brewing and Wine Company LLC. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. **ART GALLERY PERMIT FOR THE ORPHANAGE LLC – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated a copy was provided in packets with the dates for the permit. The first date of April 22, does not work for Mr. Rich Birneie so it needs to be changed to April 30th. There are eleven dates listed starting with April 30th. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the art gallery permit for the Orphanage LLC. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. **CONSIDERATION OF COPS GRANT APPLICATION – JERRY THOMPSON.** This item was removed from the agenda.
- H. **APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated there was a list of bills in council packets and she provided Council with two additional lists. One batch of bills were from 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried.
- I. **PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated Southeast Municipal Solar, aka Sandhill Solar out of Nebraska has proposed putting a solar farm at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Southeast Solar needs Cross Canyon to complete an impact study. The cost of the study is \$20,000. Since Sandhill Solar and Cross Canyon do not have an agreement in place, Cross Canyon would do the work and bill the City, then the City would be reimbursed by Sandhill Solar not to exceed \$20,000. Council Member McClung moved to approve the purchase to Southeast Municipal Solar. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

- Manager Moore stated the TNR program was held last Thursday through Saturday. There were 17 cats captured, taken to the vet, and returned. This was done in the Northwest area of town and they will be going back to this area again. This was very successful.
- Manager Moore stated a response letter has been sent out to the residents at Homestead Trail and since then, the intersection between Homestead Trail and Centennial Road has been worked on by our crews as well as Concrete Specialties. The road is now open. The road is not yet 100% and is a little soft but it is drivable. The drainage issues were also addressed in the letter.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

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

CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Benish –

- Council Member Benish has received phone calls from residents from Homestead Trail. They appreciated the letter that was sent out.

Shay –

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Water Authority meeting Monday night. There is a study being done on Bonnie Dam due to some cracks showing up and determining how long it’s going to take to fix. The Water Authority is sponsoring a two hour seminar put on by the CSU extension for minimizing water use on your yard and garden. This seminar will be held at the Orphanage. There will also be one in Wray as well.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Landfill meeting. The baler repair will be \$7,600. A new baler is \$160,000.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended the NECALG Meeting. It was business as usual.

Swehla -

- Mayor Swehla stated Council Member Frame had a meeting she will report on at the next council meeting.
- Mayor Swehla suggested that if it takes more time for the State to approve a modification on a liquor license, maybe the City should change the timing of our Local Event Permits so we don’t end up in the same situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the Council meeting. Second by Benish. Question 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer