

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karma Wells, Scott Moore, Jerry Thompson, Jeanne Triplett, Stacie Gonzalez

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2023 AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the April 4, 2023, Agenda. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2023 MINUTES**

Baucke moved to approve the March 21, 2023, Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstains (Frame and Smith-Dischner abstained because they were absent from the last meeting.) Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ARPA EXPENDITURES**

City Manager Scott Moore stated there is \$874,446 in ARPA to spend in 2023 or by April 2024. Council approved in the 2023 budget, \$162,707 for a portion of a new Ambulance and \$5,000 for floor repairs at the Animal Shelter. The rest of the items will either be budgeted and spent this year or budgeted and spent next year.

Discussion Items:

- Pool
- Powered stair chairs – 2 chairs for the Ambulance Service
- Court room remodel with a petition wall
- Police Department vehicle
- Additional money for animal shelter floor
- Street – remaining money for patching and pans

All expenditures would be for general fund items. Discussion was held. It was decided to vote at the next meeting on ARPA expenditures.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. APPOINTMENT OF MARK TRIPLETT TO THE YUMA COUNTY LANDFILL BOARD – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated that Mark Triplett has worked for City of Yuma for some time now and has not been formally appointed to the Landfill Board. City Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the appointment of Mark Triplett to the Yuma County Landfill Board. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR THE POST IN-SERVICE GRANT – JERRY THOMPSON.** Chief of Police Jerry Thompson stated that they apply every year for the Post In-Service Grant and it provides the Police Department with training equipment. The total of the grant is \$12,326.50 for a variety of training equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the application for the Post In-Service Grant. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR THE POST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT – JERRY THOMPSON.** Police Chief Jerry Thompson stated we have applied for this grant in the past and this grant would be for a new building for the range. This grant will be around \$20,000 and is a non-matching grant. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the application for the Post Capital Improvement Grant. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion Carried.
- D. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated 2 additional lists were handed out in addition to the one list in packets. The shorter list is for 2022 bills. There is nothing to disclose. Clerk/Treasurer Wells also asked for approval to pay the worker’s compensation payment to Pinnacol Assurance for \$2,394. Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the bills. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – KARMA WELLS, SCOTT MOORE & JERRY THOMPSON.**
1. City Manager Scott Moore stated 100LL Fuel at the airport is down to 400 gallons in the tank. Would like to purchase 3,000 gallons. The price last week was \$5.16 per gallon, this week it is \$5.34 per gallon. With this price, City Manager Scott Moore has asked not to exceed \$17,000 to AvFuel. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve 100LL fuel purchase not to exceed \$17,000. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
  2. Verizon has installed a new cell tower behind Eagle truck stop. This project requires the city putting in primary electric to the site and this needed to come from a line on Flagstaff. We have used a company to bore and that amounted to \$7,920 that the city will pay and be reimbursed by Verizon. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the boring in the amount of \$7,920. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
  3. There is \$11,500 budgeted for the fireworks display for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 fireworks show. Fire Chief Curtis Witte has supplied a quote in the amount of \$11,267.82 for Flying Phoenix Corporation. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the purchase for the fireworks display of \$11,267.82 for July. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
  4. Chief of Police Jerry Thompson stated last year he asked to apply for the Post grant to cover the tuition for Trevor Neb. Chief of Police Thompson received a bill for \$6,256 for the tuition. After Trevor Neb has finished the academy, Chief Thompson will submit and receive full reimbursement. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve to pay the amount of \$6,256 to Otero Junior College. Second by Frame. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**REPORTS**

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

None.

**CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

Manager Moore asked for guidance from City Council for Spring and Fall Cleanups. Manager Moore asked if Council would like to continue or modify spring and fall clean ups. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council to continue with Spring and Fall Clean Ups.

Street sweeping will commence full time starting next week. We are trying to figure out ways to get people to move their cars for the street sweeper.

The library will start reconstruction on the water damage next week.

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE, JERRY THOMPSON**

None.

#### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the YCED meeting. Minutes from the prior two meeting were provided to Council. The YCED meeting from 3/20, discussed AG week that they held. There is a Journalist coming to Yuma County from "The Thrillist". He wanted to get an idea of what happens out here in Yuma County. The Tourist Management Grant has been applied for and they hope to hear back on that in April. Also, hoping to hear back on an OEDIT grant for grant writing in April as well.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Clerk's Committee meeting and discussed scanning in documents when doing accounts payable to make documents more readily available. The audit is the first part of May.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the Clerk's Committee meeting and learned that they have all different software that they use to run payroll and the software doesn't always talk to each other which causes some extra steps.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE**

**"To hold a conference with the City's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), regarding potential litigation."**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to enter into Executive Session. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke abstained due to a conflict of interest.) Motion carried.

Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:22 P.M. 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 Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer