

**CITY OF YUMA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Moore, Karma Wells, Curtis Witte, Jeanne Triplett, Kathryn Sellars.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Clerk/ Treasurer Karma Wells Stated Action Item A Cont. was added to the agenda and posted on the website and front window 24 hours prior.

APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2023 AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the May 16, 2023 Agenda as amended. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2023 MINUTES

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 2, 2023 and the special meeting minutes of May 4, 2023 as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Margo Ebersole and Ms. Alex Ebersole were here to talk about the summer meal program for kids. This program will be Monday through Thursday's for 7 weeks. The target age is 5-13 year old children, but no child will be turned away. Americore Members will have 3-5 local young people to help serve the meals to the children. They will be using the City Park Pavillion to had out the free meals to the kids.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR MARIAN COUNCIL #4627 CHARITIES FUND – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/ Treasurer stated that the Marian Council Charity Fund is requesting a special event permit for June 9th, 2023 for an event at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. Public hearing was opened. No comments were made. Public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the special event permit for the Marian Council #4627 Charities Fund. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- B. RESOLUTION #8, SERIES OF 2023 (WATER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH YUMA ETHANOL, LLC) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated Council received a water services agreement with Yuma Ethanol. Yuma Ethanol has agreed to this agreement verbally. Yuma Ethanol would like the effluent water from the Waste Water Plant. That takes the TDS remedial work out of the City's plans. We would be able to obtain a certificate to discharge from the state to let them use this water. Yuma Ethanol would pay for everything from the meter which is at the property line. There will be no cost to the city. The city will provide a vault for the meter. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution 8, series of 2023 (water services agreement with Yuma Ethanol, LLC). Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS. City Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated that two additional sets of bills were given to Council. Nothing is to be disclosed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

D. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – KARMA WELLS & SCOTT MOORE.

1. Signdealz is requesting the 40% payment for the sign that is part of the Chamber’s Main Street Revitalization project. Fifty percent was due before the sign was ordered. There were some discrepancies with the amount left, but with the freight, 40% would be \$11998. Council Member McClung moved to approve the payment to Signdealz. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
2. Manager Moore requested approval to purchase electric meters from Vision Metering for \$15,480, this is the budgeted item for meters. These are vision meters that even the office can instantly read the meter. They will have remote shut off and energize capability. This will also read water meters if they have the right transmitters. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the purchase from Vision Metering. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE

EMS week is May 21st - May 27th. EMS Council provided information in the Council packets.

Manager Moore reminded Council of the CML regional meeting in Wray.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS

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

SERGEANT, CURTIS WITTE

Sergeant Curtis Witte stated the only report he has is that Officer Trevor Neb is on day two of training.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

McClung – Attended Parks & Rec meeting. The summer programs are started and numbers are up a bit.

Benish – Attended CEC meeting. Plants are outside and people notice more than we recognize. The windows are in and the flooring is left to be done at the old scout building.

Smith-Dischner – Looking for individuals or a group to paint the inside of the old scout building. Discussion was held about keeping the CEC and pond looking nice to help out the city.

Frame – Attended the Yuma Children’s Academy board meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Shay. They talked with board members about the potential sales tax increase and they seemed very positive about it.

Swehla – CML will be here Friday morning 5/19 at 10 am and will take pictures at City Hall for their website.

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.” Attorney Sellars stated Council intends to meet in executive session 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. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 8:07 pm. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session. Smith-Dischner left during the executive session.

ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

- A. POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO PROPOSAL FROM HIGH PLAINS RECREATION ASSOCIATION – SCOTT MOORE.** No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the council meeting. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer