

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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:** Scott Moore, Jerry Thompson, Karma Wells, Kathryn Sellars.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no corrections or additions to the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2023 AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the June 20, 2023 Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2023 MINUTES**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the June 6, 2023 Minutes. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Smith-Dischner abstained because she was absent from the meeting). Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATION OF 2022 AUDIT – MATTHEW MILLER WITH MCMAHAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC**

Mr. Matthew Miller was present via zoom presenting the 2022 audit. Mr. Miller shared there are three parts to an audit. Those three parts are planning, field work, then report. At the end of the audit process there are two issued reports, audited opinion and the governing board letter which is basically the report card for how the audit went.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM SARA HOUSE – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated Ms. Paula Bragg was present for S.A.R.A. House. Ms. Paula Bragg shared an explanation of all the services provided within S.A.R.A. House. S.A.R.A. House covers over 11,000 square miles in the State of Colorado with all the programs provided. There are offices in Fort Morgan, Sterling, and Yuma. S.A.R.A. House is asking for a donation to try to get a system that will allow for better communications with Law Enforcement. These funds provided will go to the Yuma office. Council Member Frame moved to approve a donation of \$500.00. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. 1 nay (McClung). Motion carried.
- B. CONSIDERATION OF DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated that the next council meeting falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held. Mayor Swehla moved to skip the July 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting and the next council meeting will be July 18th. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated additional bills were handed out. There were four to disclose for Marc Shay, Terri Frame, Tim McClung, and Marylu Smith-Dischner for CML. Mayor Swehla moved to approve the bills except Tim and Marylu. Second by Benish. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstain (Frame and Shay). Motion carried.

Mayor Swehla moved to pay Council Member Tim McClung and Marylu Dischner. Second by Baucke. Question. 5 ayes. 2 abstain (McClung and Smith-Dischner). Motion carried.

- D. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – KARMA WELLS, SCOTT MOORE, JERRY THOMPSON.** There were no purchases in excess of \$5,000.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **CITY MANAGER, SCOTT MOORE**

- The street and alley pans replacement will start next week. The pothole prep will start next week and we may start filling holes with asphalt.
- The Trash truck has been down, but is back in service.
- An ambulance is out of service with damages due to a collision with a deer.
- Staff has talked to the contractor about the animal shelter floor. They are still waiting for materials to start that job.

##### **CITY CLERK/TREASURER, KARMA WELLS**

- The sales tax and finance reports were provided to Council.

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

- The May Police Report was provided to Council.
- The first youth academy only had one student. The second had 7 to 12 in that group. There were none in the adult academy.

##### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

McClung

– Council Member McClung attended the Street and Sanitation Committee Meeting and talked about street repairs with asphalt. Sanitation is having trouble getting rid of the electronics.

Baucke

– Council Member Baucke will be late to the Saturday meeting.

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the Yuma County Economic Development (YCED) meeting and included in the council packets were the minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup> YCED meeting. YCED is working on a blueprint grant which is a continuation for the reimagination destination grant.
- Community Resource Center is doing a board development event on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 and the location is to be determined. This will be to help the local boards in the communities understand their roles.
- AG week and a task force were also discussed at the meeting. They are adding another day to AG week.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay attended the Library Board meeting. There are 220 kids signed up for the summer reading program. The Library Board is working on making policy changes regarding homeless people in the library.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla also attended the Street and Sanitation Committee Meeting.
- If we want to have a question on the November ballot, we need to let the County know soon. The consensus of the Council is to have a question on the November ballot.
- With the review of the Code, since we are not having a meeting on July 4, we will push the date back for review of the code by one meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS**

**“To determine positions relative to matters that maybe subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and /or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), regarding potential litigation.”**

Attorney Sellars stated Council intends to meet in executive session to determine positions relative to matters that maybe subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and /or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), regarding potential litigation. Council Member McClung moved to go into executive session for the purpose stated. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke abstained due to conflict of interest and left). Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 7:28 P.M. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

**ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)**

- E. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HIGH PLAINS RECREATION ASSOCIATION – KATHRYN SELLARS.** Attorney Kathryn Sellars stated about the Settlement & Release Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem moved to approve the Settlement & Release Agreement. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer