

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the October 3, 2023 Agenda. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MINUTES**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the September 19, 2023 Minutes. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yuma County Commissioner Adam Gates was in attendance. Commissioner Gates wanted to bring to attention the invoice that was received for the extra trash pick ups during the fair. It was asked what had changed if anything and Commissioner Gates would like to have the bill donated back to the county as part of the fair if possible. There were 415 extra pick ups during fair week. The amount billed was \$2,697.50. This item will be on the next agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #6, SERIES OF 2023 (LEASE AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SE MUNICIPAL COLORADO, LLC) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated this is the second reading of the SE Municipal Solar lease and easement for a piece of land at the Waste Water Treatment property. There is a lease of 25 years, \$500 per acre per year with a \$.02 escalation every year. The insurance issue brought up at an earlier meeting was fully addressed. Public hearing opened. No comments were made. Public hearing closed. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #6, Series 2023. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
  
- B. RESOLUTION #18, SERIES OF 2023 (SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SE MUNICIPAL COLORADO, LLC) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated this has to do with the SE Municipal Solar project. This is an agreement that we will purchase power from SE Municipal Colorado, LLC. This could save approximately \$6,000 a year not purchased from MEAN. Mayor Pro Tem Shay moved to approve Resolution #18, 2023. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- C. APPROVAL OF YUMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that Librarian Jeanne Triplett had spoken before about a grant and was previously denied the \$8,000 grant. This is for the same only this grant is from the Yuma Community Foundation and she will be requesting \$5,000. Shay moved to approve the grant application to the Yuma Community Foundation for \$5,000. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided Council with an additional list of bills. There were no bills to disclose. Shay moved to approve the bills. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.
- E. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** Manager Moore requested approval for sidewalk replacement on the south side of the water town on South Main Street. The work would be done by Vincent Bukowski for \$7,096. The sidewalk would go from Main Street to the new pan in alley towards Albany Street. Shay moved to approve the sidewalk replacement by Vincent Bukowski for \$7,096.00. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The next request is to replace an overhead door that failed recently during an outage. The door would be replaced by Perfection Door for \$10,635, who provided the lowest bid. This would be paid from by the Water, Wastewater, and Electric departments. Shay moved to approve Perfection Door replacing the door for \$10,635. Second by McClung. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Manager Moore also requested approval to replace a blower at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The blower is an original piece of equipment and is failing. There are 3 blowers. The cost to replace one blower is \$20,502.78. This is in the budget. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the blower replacement for \$20,502.78. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

#### **REPORTS**

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

School Resource Officer Hass informed Council of a program called the Homegrown Town Initiative. This program would allow High School students to do internships as part of a High School class. The thought is to have approximately 3 high school students help with code enforcement by driving around the city and taking pictures of properties that have issues that need to be addressed. Then an Officer would handle the tickets. Officer Hass would be the coordinator for this program.

Also, there is a Juvenile Diversion Program, where the kids could contact with Officer Hass, the school, and the kids parents to do good deeds to help from getting criminal records.

Chief Thompson stated he received 10 free laptops from the Brighton Police Department. They are used laptops. They will use them to replace some other laptops that are not working.

Chief Thompson will send out the SRO report and the September Council report.

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

Manager Moore stated the water line project on West Second Avenue has been completed. They are moving to North Main Street to get ready to start that water line project.

Concrete Specialties is doing the asphalt work on Second Avenue and they will also do the asphalt work on North Main Street.

City staff will be having a meeting with the sewer line replacement contractor next week.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated she has been working on the budget.

#### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the CML District 1 Meeting. Council Member Frame stated she likes hearing what other communities are doing.
- Council Member Frame attended the guitar performance at the Community and Enrichment Center.
- Council Member Frame also helped with the fly-in at the Airport on September 30.
- Ms. Shelby Clark, with Yuma County Economic Development, asked Council Member Frame about having the Council participate in a tug-of-war during the Yuma and Wray football game. Council Member Frame will work on putting a team together.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay stated he attended a NECALG meeting. It is business as usual and they are working on their budget.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended a Police Committee Meeting. The committee heard the same information that was presented to Council from School Resource Officer Hass and Chief Thompson.

McClung

- Council Member McClung stated he also attended the CML District 1 Meeting. He stated it is interesting to see what is going on in other communities. The Julesburg swimming pool is being funded by a bond issue.

Benish

- Council Member Benish stated he attended and helped with the fly-in at the airport.

Swehla

- Mayor Swehla stated he helped with the fly-in also.
- Mayor Swehla also attended the Ambulance Committee Meeting with Jerome.
- There will be a Special Meeting on October 12 at 5:30 P.M. for the presentation of the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

**“To consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations.”**

Mayor Swehla stated Council intends to meet in executive session to consider personnel matters, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session, specifically for the City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer and Chief of Police evaluations. Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by Shay. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council resumed regular session at 9:34 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**

Shay moved to adjourn. Second by Benish. Question. 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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Ron Swehla  
Mayor

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Karma Wells, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer