

**CITY OF YUMA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**HYBRID REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 P.M.**

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

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Karma Wells.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated there is one correction to the agenda. The October 12, 2023, Special meeting minutes were added under Approval of the Minutes, and the amended Agenda has been posted for 24 hours.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 AGENDA**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the October 17, 2023 Agenda. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2023**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve minutes for the October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the October 12, 2023 special meeting minutes. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF EXTRA TRASH FEES CHARGED TO THE YUMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – COUNCIL.** City Manager Scott Moore stated at the last meeting, a bill for the County Commissioners was presented for trash pickups at the Fair Grounds in the amount of \$2,697.50. Council can decide whether or not to waive these fees. Council Member McClung moved to waive the extra fees at the Fair. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 5 ayes. 1 nay (Swehla). Motion carried.
- B. CONSIDERATION OF MAIN STREET CLOCK DESIGN – COUNCIL.** City Manager Scott Moore stated that there was a vote on the original design of the clock or a new design of a Y with the clock. The vote was conducted on social media as well as a form sent in the mail. The votes were counted with the original design having 219 votes and the proposed design having 172 votes. It will be about 3-4 months to get the granite in and would be late spring before it was all put up. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to move forward with the people's choice voted on for the granite design for replacing the Main Street clock. Second by McClung. Question. 5 ayes. 1 abstain (Baucke abstained due to a conflict of interest). Motion carried.
- C. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR YUMA COLORADO HOTEL LLC DBA COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES – LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY, KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer Karma Wells stated all the appropriate paperwork was turned in for renewal of the liquor license for Cobblestone Inn & Suites. There are no issues with the Police Department. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to approve the liquor license renewal

for Yuma Colorado Hotel LLC DBA Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Second by McClung. Discussion was held. Council Member Smith-Dischner withdrew her motion and moved to table this item until the next meeting. Second by Baucke. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- D. RESOLUTION #20, SERIES OF 2023 (AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH MAGELLAN STRATEGIES) – SCOTT MOORE.** City Manager Scott Moore stated this agreement is to do a survey with residents prior to the next election. The cost for this surey is \$11,500. Council Member McClung moved to approve Resolution #20, series of 2023 for the agreement for professional services with Magellan Strategies. Second by Swehla. Question. 4 ayes. 2 nays (Baucke and Benish). Motion carried.
- E. APPROVAL OF BILLS – KARMA WELLS.** City Clerk/Treasurer stated there was an additional list handed out and the are no bills to disclose. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to pay the bills. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 – SCOTT MOORE.** There were no purchases in excess of \$5,000.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

#### **REPORTS**

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

- The Main Street Water Replacement Project should be done by the end of this month.
- We are on schedule to provide the ethanol plant with effluent water by the end of the week.
- The loader has been down with a bad head. Staff is working to get that back in service.
- We are continuing to replace alley pans at a steady rate.
- The Second Avenue asphalt patch will be fixed when they asphalt the North Main Street patch.
- Manager Moore stated the deadline to commit to Proposition 123 is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. City of Yuma has very little risk by getting on the list. Council’s consensus was to move forward with Proposition 123.

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

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

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

Chief Thompson stated Officer Brown has resigned.

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

Frame

- Council Member Frame attended the CML Policy Committee meeting which was over 2 hours long. Council Member Frame is waiting for the summary of the meeting before presenting it to Council.
- Council Member Frame also attended the Yuma County Economic Development meeting. The Rural Philanthropy visit on October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> was very successful. The Agri-tourism workshop that was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> was also successful. OEDIT is trying to help establish a relationship with CSU for grant and tourism.

McClung –

- Council Member McClung attended the Library Board meeting. There were discussions regarding challenged materials and reconsiderations.

**9. 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. Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to go into executive session. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried

Regular meeting was resumed at 8:21 PM. A statement was made for who was present in executive session and there were no objections to the discussions in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Smith-Dischner moved to adjourn the council meeting. 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