

**City of Yuma
City Council Minutes**

**Hybrid Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**Meeting Location – City Hall, 320 South Main Street, Yuma, CO and virtual through Zoom
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 absent.

Staff Present: Jerry Thompson, Scott Moore, Kathryn Sellars, Karma Wells.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None.

Approval of February 20, 2024 Agenda

Shay moved to approve the February 20, 2024, Agenda as presented. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes, Motion carried.

Approval of February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Smith-Dischner moved to approve the February 6, 2024, Minutes as presented. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Citizens Recognition and Introduction/Public Comment

Mr. Herbie Gordo presented concerns regarding a pothole on North Gum Street. Pictures were presented to Council of the pothole.

Action Items

- A. Report of Changes for Cobblestone Inn & Suites – Local Licensing Authority, Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells stated one of the members of the Cobblestone Inn & Suites is changing. All paperwork is in order and fees are paid for the change. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the report of changes for Cobblestone Inn & Suites. Second by McClung. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Change date of the first meeting in April 2024 – Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells requested the Council meeting on April 2, 2024 be changed to April 1, 2024 due to the election being on April 2, 2024. Shay moved to move the first meeting in April to April 1, 2024. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance #2, Series of 2024 (Repealing and Reenacting Various Titles and Repealing and Amending Certain Chapters and Sections of the Yuma Municipal Code) – Kathryn Sellars.** Attorney Sellars stated this ordinance repeals and replaces several sections of the Code. Several items were reviewed. Second reading of this ordinance will not be until the second meeting in March due to some notices that must be posted prior to adopting the changes to the Code. McClung moved to approve on first reading, Ordinance #2, Series of 2024. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Resolution #6, Series of 2024 – (Amending the Electric Rules and Regulations by Replacing the Appendix for the MEAN Standard Avoided Cost Rate in Rule 22 with the Current Avoided Cost Rate) – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore stated the avoided cost rate is the rate we pay to residents producing solar power that comes back to the City's grid. Shay moved to approve Resolution #6, Series of 2024. Second by Smith-Dischner. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

- E. Appointment of Library Board Member – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore stated the Library had a Board Member resign. They received a letter from Ms. Cindy Korf to replace the member. Smith-Dischner moved to approve Ms. Cindy Korf as a Library Board Member. Second by Shay. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- F. Resolution #7, Series of 2024 (Consenting to the Transfer of the Franchise Agreement for Broadband Services between the City and Kentec Communications, Inc as a Result of a Change in Control of Kentec Communications, Inc) – Scott Moore.** Manager Moore stated the City has a franchise with Kentec Communications (KCI) for internet service to the City. Kentec is being purchased by Midwest Broadband Opportunities, Inc and they would like to take over the franchise from Kentec. Mr. Tim Brinkman and Ms. Arlene Novak were present for Midwest Broadband Opportunities, Inc. Shay moved to approve Resolution #7, Series of 2024. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- G. Approval of Bills – Karma Wells.** Clerk/Treasurer Wells provided lists of bills to Council. There were no bills to disclose. Smith-Dischner moved to approve the bills. Second by Frame. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.
- H. Purchases in Excess of \$5,000 – Scott Moore and Jerry Thompson.** Manager Moore had one request for a purchase over \$5,000. The purchase is for street lights to be used on Homestead Trail and around Lake Yuma. The quote is from Western United for 33 lights for a total cost of \$28,845.96. Shay moved to approve the purchase from Western United for \$28,845.96. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Reports

City Manager, Scott Moore

- Manager Moore stated the Pavement Assessment Proposal (Bump Truck) was included in Council's packets. The company that did the study is the same company that conducted the Main Street and Airport reconstruction projects.
- Manager Moore also stated the Street Department has ordered more gravel to fill potholes. Hopefully the local asphalt plant will be going soon also.

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 of Police Thompson provided Council with the January report.
- Also, a job offer was made for a Code Enforcement Officer. They intend to start next week.

City Council Reports

Frame

- Council Member Frame reviewed several items reviewed by the CML Policy Committee.

Shay

- Mayor Pro Tem Shay stated he attended the Library Board Meeting. Minutes of the meeting were provided to Council. They are following Senate Bill 24-049 on the legislation on books.
- Mayor Pro Tem Shay also attended the Animal Shelter Committee meeting where they toured the Animal Shelter building. Ms. Laura Thompson is happy with the new floor.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner also attended the Animal Shelter Committee Meeting. She added that TNR will be this week.
- Council Member Smith-Dischner attended the Community and Enrichment Center Committee Meeting. There was an update to the Silver Sneakers program and committee minutes provided to Council. Ms. Shanna Peterson has been working on the floors, they are 30 years old.
- Manager Moore added that the Art Project building is ready to go and we are looking at scheduling groups to use it.

Benish

- Council Member Benish attended the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. They are getting ready to start fertilizing and they are working on getting help for the summer. There are a lot of kids involved in the programs offered by the Recreation Department.

McClung

- Council Member McClung also attended the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. He stated it is amazing how many kids participate in the programs offered.
- Council Member McClung had also attended the Library Committee Meeting. They also discussed the utilization of different forms of media.

Smith-Dischner

- Council Member Smith-Dischner stated her daughter participated in the mock trial with Officer Hass in Glenwood Springs. This was Yuma's first time competing and Council Member Smith-Dischner stated she was very impressed with the team.

Adjournment

Shay moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Benish. Question. 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Ron Swehla
Mayor

Karma Wells, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer