

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
MAY 12, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

The Yale City Commission will discuss and may take action at this meeting, including a vote or a series of votes, on each item listed on the Agenda unless the agenda item specifically states that no action will be taken.

OPENING PRAYER

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 12, 2020 by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Brian Porter, Jr., Mike Strader, Jason Brown, Clara Welch and Terry Baker.

Mayor Welch presented a proclamation to the Hensley family in honor of Carl Hensley Day, thanking them for his many, many years of service to the community.

Mayor Welch also presented a proclamation to Terry Baker in honor of his retirement from the City Commission and thanked him for his 19 years of service to the City residents through way of the City Commission and Trust Authorities.

3. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

- a. **Seating of Jessica Foutch, Commission Seat No. 5** – Mrs. Foutch was sworn in by reciting the oath of office.

4. **ANNUAL COMMISSION ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. **Election of Mayor** – Mike Strader made the motion to elect Clara Welch as Mayor, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Election of Vice-Mayor** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to elect Mike Strader as Vice-Mayor, Clara Welch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- c. **Appointment of City Attorney** – Mike Strader made the motion to appoint Roger McMillian as City Attorney, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- d. **Appointment of Municipal Judge** – Clara Welch made the motion to appoint Frank Muret as Municipal Judget, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Mike Strader made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

- a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – April 14, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Claims**
- c. **Financial Statements**
- d. **Approval of Budget Amendments**

6. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None

7. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Nancy Griffin, Library Director thanked Jason Brown for the barrier he built for the circulation desk at the library.

8. **ORDINANCES**

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 385 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-5 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION, PLACEMENT OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND**

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.” – Mr. McMillian explained a change in the ordinance from what was previously presented. There is now a \$10.00 assessment that can be issued on a utility bill for violation of the ordinance. Mr. Kelly stated as City Manager he could determine if a resident wasn't physically able to comply with the ordinance. Mr. Strader stated it would make the town look better. Jason Brown made the motion to adjourn, Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

- b. **Consideration, discussion and action to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 385.** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 385, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

9. GENERAL ORDERS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on the property located at 116 N. C Street, Yale, Oklahoma.** – Officer Kelly presented pictures of the property stating progress is being made and recommended to table the item for another 30-60 days. Mr. McMillian went over the legal options the board had available. Jessica Foutch made the motion to table the item to the June 9, 2020 meeting, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action to declare the property addressed at 538 E. Chicago as dilapidated and a detriment to the health, benefit or welfare of the public.** – Judy Hite stated they were working on an application for a burn permit to burn the rest of the lumber. Once the debris is gone the house will be put up for sale. Jason Brown made the motion to table the item to the June 9, 2020 meeting, Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- c. **Consideration, discussion and action on the property located at 102 S. Main Street, Yale, Oklahoma.** – Officer Kelly spoke stating progress was still being made, the church is waiting on the architects and engineers to make plans. Mich Dershem stated there's been a lack of help due to the virus however they did recover a 1911 dime in the cleaning of the property. Mike Strader made the motion to table the item to the July 14, 2020 meeting, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.
- d. **Consideration, discussion and action on the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year municipal budget.** – Mr. Kelly reported the proposed budget reflects a 5-8% budget decrease. There are a few small projects in this budget. Mrs. Welch encouraged the other commissioners to study the budget and get with staff on questions or concerns. Chief Robinson presented for the Fire Department addressing the need for a full-time paid fire fighter position. Mrs. Couch stated the public hearing for the budget will be at the June 9th meeting and would like to have the budget approved at that meeting. No action was taken
- e. **Consideration, discussion and action on a Certificate of Order to the County Clerk and County Treasurer.** – Mrs. Couch explained the requirement of the Certificate of Order to Payne County. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve the Certificate of Order to the County Clerk and Treasurer. Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on selection of two nominees from the list of nominees on the 2020 Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Official Ballot for the Board of Trustees election and submitting the two selected nominees as the City of Yale official vote on the election of trustees on the 2020 Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Official Ballot.** – Staff discussed the options as presented on the ballot. Clara Welch made the motion to select Mark Whinnery, Lindsey Grigg and Pam Polk as the City of Yale official vote on the election of trustees on the 2020 OMAG Official Ballot. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

- 11. **ADJOURNMENT** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Brown, Strader, Foutch, Welch Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 12, 2020.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Clara Welch, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 8TH DAY OF MAY 2020 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.