

**MINUTES
YALE WATER & SEWAGE TRUST AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
213 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 by Chairman Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Jason Brown, Brian Porter, Jr., Clara Welch and Jessica Foutch.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – August 11, 2020**
 - b. **Approval of Claims**
 - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None
6. **GENERAL ORDERS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action to approve a contract with Blue Mark Energy for the purchase of natural gas.** – Mr. McMillian recommended this item be tabled subject to call. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to table the item subject to call, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
 - b. **Consideration and discussion of the current status of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority gas system.** – Mr. Kelly reported that at this time everything was working well, there have been multiple conversations with Mr. Sellers. Mr. Campbell reported that the new master meter was installed last week.
 - c. **Consideration, discussion and action on the construction of a natural gas transmission line to supply gas to the City of Yale.** – Craig Brownlee reported on the transmission line, multiple discussions with Mr. Sellers to work out options. We're still proceeding as if we're going to need a new pipeline. ONG has given a price to build a line around \$1.3 million, if we lay the pipeline to them they will give us a meter and tap and their portion will be free. Our cost will then be for the pipeline and existing system. Trying to get information from County on road widening project. Contractors are giving high estimates because of unknowns of the County project which is why we've been discussing private right of ways. A lot of value in doing private right of ways, one contractor estimated possibly \$200K cheaper if we can get private right of ways purchased. A rough quote on the line is \$650,000, knocking off \$150-200K with right of ways would be very helpful. No action was taken on this item.
 - d. **Consideration, discussion and action to solicit loan proposals to provide funding for construction of a natural gas pipeline and all related expenses.** – Mr. McMillian stated it would be in our best interest to get started on a loan proposal packet. Mrs. Welch stated as many proposals as possible would be best. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to authorize staff to put together a bid packet requesting bids for a loan including a high and low amount, not to exceed \$700K. Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
7. **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - a. **Consideration and discussion on electric rates and the power cost adjustment factors for the City of Yale and other communities.** – Jennifer Rogers with OMPA spoke about rates and the power cost adjustment factors that are used in the City's billing process also explaining hydropower and fixed fees from OMPA. Yale receives federal hydropower from Southwest Power Administration.

Summer's like this we get a lot of hydropower due to the abundance of rain. There are 13 cities that are set up this same way. A lot of times customers don't understand this, basically the power cost adjustment is a fixed cost, the calculations the City staff is doing are correct. The CFO and accounting staff at OMPA can help smooth out those jumps which happens when you have federal hydropower. More than likely your rate structure is outdated, we would be happy to look at it and make some recommendations.

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

The regular meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on Tuesday September 8, 2020.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, Trust Clerk

Signed: _____
Clara Welch, Chairman

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