

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Brian Porter, Jr., Mike Strader, Jason Brown, Clara Welch and Terry Baker.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Mayor Welch requested the minutes to reflect a corrected treasurer's report reflecting a positive unencumbered balance. Terry Baker made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Porter, Brown, Baker Welch Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – January 14, 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 declare the property addressed at 538 E. Chicago Avenue as dilapidated and a detriment to the health, benefit or welfare of the public.** – Officer Moore presented pictures of the property stating owners have been working to remedy the issue. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to table the item to the March 10, 2019 meeting. Terry Baker seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Porter, Brown, Baker, Welch Nay: None.
7. **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding repairs and/or improvements to City of Yale parks and recreation areas.** – Tom Reeder with the Yale Bridge Club presented with a slide presentation thanking the City for their time and showing a history of the Club and their projects and accomplishments thus far. Mr. Reeder complimented Chief Kelly on helping with vandalism in the parks. Mr. Reeder also noted that all funding of the Club is through private donations and donated labor. To date they've invested roughly \$250,000 into the community through park improvements. The next project the Bridge Club has planned is to renovate the rocket slide, fire pits and fencing in Jim Thorpe Park. The Bridge Club is requesting to be granted permission by the City Council to enter the City parks and do the repairs as requested. Jason Brown made the motion to grant the Yale Bridge Club access to the City parks to do the requested improvements, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Abstain: Baker.
 - b. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding the provision for healthy snacks for City of Yale employees.** – Nancy Griffin presented as a member of the City Wellness Committee, A budget for fresh fruits and vegetables on hand for staff is being requested. Healthier employees decrease absences, insurance premiums and sick time thus saving the City money. The goal of the committee is to provide for employees and to promote wellness. Terry Baker made the motion to approve a budget of \$1,000 per year for the Wellness Committee to provide fresh fruits and veggies for staff, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Porter, Brown, Baker, Welch Nay: None.

8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Appointment of members to an Economic Development Incentive Committee.** – This was an item that was discussed at the previous YEDA meeting. After input from several people a five-member board was decided upon, Mayor Welch appointed an Economic Development Incentive Committee consisting of the following members: Brian Porter, Jr., Tom Reeder, Darryl Mueggenborg, Sammy Reece and Marty Foutch.

9. REPORTS

- a. **Report from the Relocation Committee of Monuments on Main Street.** – Brian Porter, Jr., Jason Brown, Carl Hensley and Marty Foutch have met to discuss the monuments in the downtown area. Mr. Brown gave an extensive report with photos detailing missing pieces of posts, there is one complete statue, he requested more time to come up with a project to get more of the history back with the display in Clyde Brown Park.

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

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday February 11, 2020.

Signed: _____

Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____

Clara Welch, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020 AT 4:00 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.