

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 11, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:41 p.m. on Tuesday August 11, 2015 by Mayor Terry Baker.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Richard Adsit, Tom Mendenhall and Terry Baker.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Tom Mendenhall made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – July 14, 2015**
 - b. **Approval of Claims**
 - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Mike Craig presented showing pictures to the commissioners of several trailer houses in town that are not in livable conditions. He stated there seemed to be a big push on abatements for lawn mowing however these same pictures were given to the commission roughly six years ago and most of these residences are still in the same shape now that they were then. They are out of code, he's offered to buy some of the trailers from the owners with no avail. He stated the trailers are a nuisance, a safety issue and possible concern for drug problems. He stated the streets are looking better, he appreciated the gravel getting put on them, he said crusher run rock would have stayed better than the more expensive clean gravel that was purchased and put down. Mr. Craig questioned damages to someone's vehicle from going up and down the rough streets, believing if there was damage it would be the city's responsibility to pay for the damages. In Oklahoma City the city has 48 hours to repair a chug hole after it's reported, past that point it's the city's liability and he assumed we would be no different. Things are looking better and he appreciates the job done by everyone, he feels we need to take care the serious problems as well. He has trouble keeping renters due to the dumpy properties surrounding some of his properties.

Mayor Baker honored William Summers declaring August 12, 2015 as "Will Summers Day" and also honored Jesse Richardson for their years of service to the City.

6. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action to authorize the City of Yale to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.** – Mr. Smitherman addressed two concerns about the agreement, the jurisdiction and the agreement needed to state Pawnee Nation not Pawnee. If the council approves this agreement then it will go before their council and they will review and submit for approval. This will be a mutual aid agreement within the boundaries of the City of Yale.

Richard Adsit made the motion for the City of Yale to enter into a contract with the Pawnee Nation for assistance within the corporate limits of the City of Yale provided that no reimbursement is required for that assistance. Tom Mendenhall seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

7. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 8, "A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE INCURRING OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE YALE WATER & SEWAGE TRUST TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 PROMISSORY NOTE, SERIES 2015; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THE SALE OF THE NOTE AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE NOTE AT PAR PURSUANT TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT; APPROVING DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED; AND ALLOCATING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S REBATE EXCEPTION TO THE YALE WATER &**

SEWAGE TRUST.” – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve Resolution No. 8, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

8. ORDINANCES

a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 348, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-46 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITTED OPEN BURNING, AMENDING SECTION 8-47 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING, AMENDING SECTION 8-48 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CONDITIONS FOR OPEN BURNING, ADOPTING SECTION 8-48.1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN BURNING, AMENDING SECTION 8-49 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR A BURN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 8-51 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR BURN PERMITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”** – Tom Mendenhall made the motion that Ordinance No. 348 be subject to call, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

b. **Consideration, discussion and action to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 348.**

9. GENERAL ORDERS

a. **Consideration, discussion and action on an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Yale and Payne County.** – Terry Baker made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Yale and Payne County, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

b. **Consideration, discussion and action on 2015-16 Budget Amendments.** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve the 2015-16 Budget Amendments, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

a. **Consideration, discussion and action to authorize the selling of surplus Police Units, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria and 1996 Dodge Intrepid for \$25.00 per vehicle.** – Richard Adsit made the motion to authorize the selling of surplus Police Units for \$25.00 per vehicle, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Baker Nay: Mendenhall.

11. APPOINTMENTS

a. **Consideration, discussion and action on appointment of Seat No. 3 to replace Commissioner Kris Watkins** – Tom Mendenhall made the motion to appoint Chuck Sprague to Commission Seat No. 3, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

12. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

a. **Report from Police Chief:** Chief Kelly reported they had roughly 85 entries in the car show, \$500 was donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, and \$500 to the Order of the Purple Heart. They broke even this year on the car show unlike last year which was a big financial loss, they'd like to have it earlier in the year next year due to weather if possible. The department was disappointed in local participation however had several out of town visitors. Abatement lists were handed out Officer Moore and Chief Kelly have been working to get these under control. Mr. Mendenhall mentioned South Main next to Foster's, options with no response is to mow or clean the property and then put a lean on the property; this would require commission action. Mr. Mendenhall questioned 801 E. Detroit, it was determined this was a typo, this property was taken care of before any letters were ever sent. All these abatements are grass and weed abatements, we have not started building abatements yet. Officer Moore stated there was a news report on Del City and their abatements, they are reported to have a 20% efficiency rating, ours is much higher, just about everyone has been taking care of their properties upon notification. The City has their own properties that need to be taken care of as well concerning abatements. Mr. Adsit questioned a junk vehicle the department had recently inquired on.

b. **Report from City Manager:** Mr. Smitherman would like to thank the commission for approving the awardees, he stated it was a plus when we can appreciate those who give to the City. We will continue to monitor the mowing, we hope to not get too many complaints about our cemetery, it looks kind of ratty right now. Is it possible to ask our citizens that have loved ones buried at our cemetery to pull some of the flowers from the graves or pick them up if they are faded or weeds have grown through? Our mower, Mr. Woods is reluctant to touch the individual

flowers on the graves, we want to be kind to our public and don't want anyone to feel like they're being mistreated as citizens of Yale.

c. **Report from City Attorney:** None

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. **Report from Commissioner Strader:** The Fellowship Baptist youth department painted the pool house and I think a little recognition there would be nice. On West Boston and 7th Street you can't see the fire plug because of the grass being grown up so high. Please get the asphalt in here soon.

b. **Report from Vice Mayor Adsit:** Citizen participation, a little recognition goes a long way. Chris Blaylock did a lot for the Police Department rewiring police cars, he's a retired officer and is fairly new in town but I feel he should be recognized for that. I think the City Manager should have a column in the newspaper every week or two to let the citizens know what the city is up to. Throwing grass in the street clogs up the sewer system, education needs to go both ways and we need to encourage everybody to not do this.

c. **Report from Commissioner Mendenhall:** I agree about the grass clippings, the center median on Broadway hadn't been mowed, somebody mows it, it wasn't the City and it should have been, and then there are grass clippings all the way down the hill. Complimenting citizens on things being done is always a good thing, you can use Facebook to do this as well. The Police Department and the City both utilize Facebook for citizen notification, this could also be used for recognition. The city website www.yaleok.org needs to be updated too.

d. **Report from Mayor Baker:** None.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Tom Mendenhall made the motion to adjourn, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Baker Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. on Tuesday August 11, 2015.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Terry Baker, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.