

**MINUTES  
YALE CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA  
APRIL 12, 2016  
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. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 by Mayor Terry Baker.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Richard Adsit, Tom Mendenhall, Kris Watkins and Terry Baker.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Kris Watkins made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **Regular Meeting – March 8, 2016**
  - b. **Approval of Claims**
  - c. **Financial Statements**
  - d. **Approval of pension for Thomas Roane**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None
6. **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on bid award for the 2016 Mowing Season Contract.** – Richard Adsit made the motion to award the 2016 Mowing Season Contract to Matthew Mueggenborg, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins No: Baker.
7. **GENERAL ORDERS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding 2015-16 Budget Amendments.** – Terry Baker made the motion to approve the 2015-16 Budget Amendments as presented, Tom Mendenhall seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.
  - b. **Consideration, discussion and review of the 2015-16 budget and consideration of possible amendments to the budget.** – No action
8. **MISCELLANEOUS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding a request to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chet Baker Festival in Liberty Park on October 1, 2016 and to close streets in the area for the event as needed.** – Nancy Griffin presented information and planning for the upcoming Chet Baker Festival. Richard Adsit made the motion to approve a request to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chet Baker Festival in Liberty Park on October 1, 2016 and to close streets in the area for the event as needed. Tom Mendenhall seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.
  - b. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding a request to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Car Show in Jim Thorpe Park on June 18, 2016 and financial participation for the event.** – Chief Kelly presented with information on this year's car show, it will be benefiting the Special Olympics this year with a monetary donation. Terry Baker made the motion to approve a request to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Car Show in Jim Thorpe Park on June 18, 2016 and to give \$250 as an economic development investment. Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.

- c. **Consideration, discussion and action on selection of two nominees from the list of nominees on the 2016 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 2016 Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Official Ballot.** – Richard Adsit made the motion to submit Dan Galloway and Mike Nunelly as the City of Yale official vote on the election of trustees on the 2016 Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group Official Ballot. Tom Mendenhall seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.

## 9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

- a. **Report from Police Chief:** In March there were 118 tickets written, 29 cases filed and 52 calls for service. The Fire Department and EMS are sponsoring an Emergency Medical Responder Course in Yale. It's free to participate, the two departments are splitting the cost of materials for the course. Gerry Haley is a certified instructor for the course. EMS has 4 responders currently, they are hoping this will get more people interested and involved.
- b. **Report from Library Director:** It's National Library Week, I'd like to thank the city for the continued support of the library. There is a great group of supporters for the library and we have literally been living on donations. In the last quarter we've added 40 new patrons, there have been no new book purchases however we have 121 new books and DVD's that have been received at the library from donors. Story hour is being scheduled, the back room is booked on a regular basis from counseling to homeschool groups. We have wonderful wireless access with plenty of speed but dinosaurs for computers. We're limping along the best we can, we had 7 and we're down to about 4. I'd like to thank you for recognizing the value of the library.
- c. **Report from City Manager:** We've had several people call and report street lights that are out, our biggest concern are the pole lights that residents are being charged for that are out. I'd like the latitude to be able to give credit for this. Still having problems with tree limbs that are hitting our lines, sagging lines and leaning poles. In the Jim Thorpe Park there have been complaints about us tearing down the equipment that the kids played on. We hope to be able to replace that in the next 6 weeks. Street improvements are at about 97%, D Street is a nightmare, Quapaw was back out today, we apologize for the inconveniences it's caused. Discussing the utility rates, I think we need to review the rates and maybe look at the CPI and come up with a 5-year plan. Our utility deposits can be a barrier in getting people in town, we have a 3-tiered deposit system. I think we need to get somewhere in the middle, I think \$600 is too much. We spoke about drainage and capital improvements, we need to look at new vehicles and an electric truck. Quapaw has done a good job for us even with the problems on D Street. City wide clean-up is the week of April 22-29.
- d. **Report from City Attorney:** No report

## 10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. **Report from Commissioner Strader:** Why don't you put something in the paper and let the people know what's going on. You write a report to us, why don't you send something to the paper?
- b. **Report from Vice Mayor Adsit:** It would be nice if there was something in the paper occasionally from the City Manager as far as what's going on. I don't believe there was ever anything in the paper on the street project as far as scheduling or when things were going to be done. At Moore Iron & Steel at the corner of Charleston and Sun Road, there's a pole with a big transformer on it, it's sagging to the South and it looks like it's cracked. With the Chet Baker Festival going on the benches that have been setting on the corner of Main and Boston won't need to be put up, you'll just need to unpile them.
- c. **Report from Commissioner Mendenhall:** The clinic for rabies shots went pretty well except that city tags were not available. Advertising that city tags were available and then not having them defeats the purpose.
- d. **Report from Commissioner Watkins:** No report
- e. **Report from Mayor Baker:** At the end of Main there was a light pole that was knocked down, there was a police report done, has there been an insurance claim filed?

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. **An Executive Session to discuss confidential communication between the City Commission and the City Attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action pursuant to the advice of the City Attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City Commission to process the claim or conduct the pending investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 (B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes.**

**12. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. **Possible action regarding discussion of confidential communication pursuant to Title 25, Section 307(B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Tom Mendenhall made the motion to adjourn, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins, Baker Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. on Tuesday April 12, 2016.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Baker, Mayor

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2016 AT 8:50 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.**