

**MINUTES**  
**YALE WATER & SEWAGE TRUST AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**  
**6:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was called to order at 7:31 p.m. on Tuesday September 13, 2016 by Vice-Mayor Richard Adsit.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Richard Adsit, Tom Mendenhall and Kris Watkins. Terry Baker was absent.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Kris Watkins made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Tom Mendenhall seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins. Nay: None.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **Special Meeting – August 2, 2016**
    - ii. **Regular Meeting – August 9, 2016**
    - iii. **Special Meeting – August 23, 2016**
  - b. **Approval of Claims**
  - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Debra Merriman presented with safety concerns about smart meters. She wanted to ensure that there would be an opt in/opt out option on the smart meter program. Wanting to have a consideration for people that have issues with smart meters and the option to choose.
6. **GENERAL ORDERS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action to proceed with an investment grade audit through AMERESCO.** – Randy Wills presented with preliminary energy audit results showing a 20-21% water loss. The next step would be to proceed with an investment grade audit, this would give an exact amount of loss for the water meters as they would be tested by a certified lab. Preliminary results show that for water, electric and gas those meters can be replaced by a Fixed Based AMI System that can be read automatically in the office. The savings are both on the electrical side as well as the maintenance. Any other options for energy savings would be looked at as well. There is a backout fee once the investment grade audit is approved. If a self-funding program cannot be found the backout fee is waived; if a self-funding program is shown and the City doesn't want to proceed then the backout fee is owed by the City. Mr. Wills also addressed the safety concerns as expressed by public comments.  
Richard Adsit made motion to table to the item until the next meeting, Kris Watkins seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Mendenhall, Watkins Nay: None.
7. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**
  - a. **Report from Trust Attorney:** The request to Lone Chimney Water Authority was accepted and has been submitted to OWRB for approval and expects to hear back from them anytime.
  - b. **Report from Lone Chimney Board Rep:** The board voted to accept the reduction request as submitted by the City and their attorney has submitted to OWRB for approval. They expect to have the filters in by November and hope to be pumping from the lake by then and at that point the rate will go down. With the reduction request they are reaching out to all the entities to have them review their usage and see if they need to raise or lower their minimums. At that point they'll review the water rate for adjustment.
  - c. **Report from Field Manager:** With the earthquake and concerns of gas line breaks we have two going for their certification this week; that will make 4 staff OQ qualified which will make a big difference with OCC. The leak on Charleston is fixed, the road repair will be made next week. Crews are trimming trees to help with electrical issues.
  - d. **Report from General Manager:** No report

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- a. **Report from Trustee Strader:** No report
- b. **Report from Vice Chairman Adsit:** Tim is doing an excellent job and so is the Trust Manager.
- c. **Report from Trustee Mendenhall:** Good job, glad Charleston is fixed. East Boston and D Street still need to be fixed. South B Street needs to be fixed as well. The crew is doing an excellent job.
- d. **Report from Trustee Watkins:** Good work, it's appreciated.
- e. **Report from Chairman Baker:** Absent

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

The regular meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on Tuesday September 13, 2016.

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

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

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.**