

**MINUTES
YALE WATER & SEWAGE TRUST AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 17, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The special meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was called to order at 6:48 p.m. on Tuesday March 17, 2017 by Mayor Terry Baker.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Richard Adsit and Terry Baker. Tom Mendenhall and Kris Watkins were absent.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Baker Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – February 14, 2017**
 - b. **Approval of Claims**
 - c. **Approval of Blanket Claims**
 - d. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**
 - a. **Linda Frick** – As you may be aware the Yale Housing Authority is having quite a time renting our apartments. Management is upset over the fact that there are empty ones, we're supposed to keep them rented but the problem is the utility deposits are so high and it's called low housing for a reason. These people are living on a fixed income, if they do pay the deposit they have to choose between their medicine and eating. We try to work with them on our side with our deposits but the city is going to have to help too. As a landlord, I have had to work with my renters and they have pretty good incomes but they can't rent a house and put the deposits up on the house and the utilities too. So, it's not only the housing's problem, if you look around town we have a lot of empty houses.

Alyce Kincaide spoke thanking the City for getting her pole light fixed.
6. **GENERAL ORDERS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Fiscal Year Budget 2016-17.** – No discussion
7. **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on possible amendments to the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority utility deposit schedule.** – Mr. Baker explained a few years ago there was \$80,000 in utility debt written off which drove the deposit schedule up. Linda Frick and Darlene Ritter spoke on behalf of the Housing Authority. The City Clerk explained the reports given to customers when their credit is run and a summary of how our service operates. Ms. Frick stated HUD was here this week and said they know of one other city's deposits are around the same as Yale's and they have trouble with that community as well. When we have someone that comes in that is 76 years old and has a \$500 per month income and can't come up with the deposits they move on to another community. Mr. Adsit asked about the housing authority pledging part of the deposits if the city extended the deposit out. Mr. Baker stated the deposit schedule needed to be reviewed, we can't give away utilities but we will sit down and look at the schedule.
8. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**
 - a. **Report from Trust Attorney:** Absent
 - b. **Report from Lone Chimney Board Rep:** Everything at the lake is going smooth, the lake is 8"-10" below level, the same as it was the last two months. There has been a little trouble with iron in the water which has caused the water to be a reddish color. The iron is not harmful at all, it won't hurt you; the reason is the last 4 years we've had a drought, the edges around the lake have been baked into the sun and it gets in the water. We've never had this problem before so there was not test equipment but they've bought equipment for testing and the chemicals to take care of it. It'll go away before long, they're treating it and it should be gone except possibly if you're on a dead-end line.

The city may need to flush those dead-end lines to get those cleaned out. There was a letter sent out from Lone Chimney on testing the water system between October 2016 and September 2016. It was over a year ago that those tests were run and we are no longer on that water line. Since January of this year we are on 100% lake water and we shouldn't go back to the Stillwater line unless something happens or the lake runs dry. These letters always have a name and number and this report came from Lone Chimney, we don't treat the water here we just welcome it into our system.

c. **Report from General Manager:** No report.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. **Report from Trustee Strader:** No report
- b. **Report from Vice Chairman Adsit:** No report
- c. **Report from Trustee Mendenhall:** Absent
- d. **Report from Trustee Watkins:** Absent
- e. **Report from Chairman Baker:** No report

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

The special meeting of the Yale Water & Sewage Trust Authority was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. on Tuesday March 17, 2017.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Terry Baker, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2017 AT 8:30 A.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.