

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 13, 2019
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 August 13, 2019 by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Brian Porter, Jr., Mike Strader and Clara Welch; Terry Baker was absent.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Brian Porter Jr. made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – July 9, 2019**
 - b. **Approval of Claims**
 - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Richard Adsit spoke thanking the City and the commission for allowing him to serve on the board, he stated he felt giant steps were made forward financially as well as getting the junk cleaned up.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 04-2019 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA CASTING A VOTE FOR TRUSTEE OF THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (OkMRF) TO FILL THE EXPIRING TERM OF AT-LARGE TRUSTEE REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.”** – Mike Strader made the motion to cast a vote for trustee of OkMRF to fill the expiring term of at-large trustee position for Robert Johnston. Clara Welch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
7. **GENERAL ORDERS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on the property located at 102 S. Main Street, Yale, Oklahoma.** – Michael Dershem and Larry Brown spoke on behalf of the property. Officer Moore spoke stating they were continuing to make progress. Mr. Brown stated they were working with Myers Engineering, they had a tentative date of August 24th to have the building taken down. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to table the item to the September 10th regular meeting, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
 - b. **Consideration, discussion and action on a management contract with the Yale Youth Sports Association.** – Staff had contacted representatives with YYSA and they had no objections to the contract. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve a management contract with Yale Youth Sports Association, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
 - c. **Consideration, discussion and action on a proposed pavilion restoration in Jim Thorpe Park through an Eagle Scout Project by Tristen Minney.** – Tristen Minney presented his project as refurbish of one of the pavilions in Jim Thorpe Park stating the use of the pavilion is high especially with younger residents. The project will require donations for funding, the plan is to recap the tables and benches, clean out the mud, leaves and trash and to build an appropriate sized retaining wall. Mr. Porter made the motion to approve the pavilion restoration in Jim Thorpe Park, Clara Welch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
 - d. **Consideration, discussion and action on a School Resource Officer Agreement with ISD No. 103 of Payne County, Oklahoma commonly known as Yale Public Schools.** – Ms. Couch briefly went over changes in the contract that was approved through the school board on July 11, 2019. Mike

Strader made the motion to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with Yale Public Schools. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action to place two permanent Chet Baker signs on Highway 51, to be presented on October 19th.** – Nancy Griffin presented stating there would be 2 signs on the highway promoting Yale as the birthplace of Chet Baker. They'll be 4' x 1.5' placed under the existing OMPA signs and they'll either be shaped as rectangles or a trumpet if that's possible; there's no cost to the city. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve the Chet Baker signs for placement on Highway 51, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action regarding a request to hold the Chet Baker Festival in the Clyde Brown Park on October 19, 2019.** No discussion/No action
- c. **Consideration, discussion and action on the purchase of a self-standing panel tree.** – Ms. Couch went over the cost of the tree and answered questions from staff. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to table the item to the September 10th regular meeting, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

9. APPOINTMENTS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on appointment of City Commission Seat No. 2.** – Mayor Welch asked if there had been interest voiced to staff, Ms. Couch stated Jason Brown had expressed an interest and met with the City Manager in July. Mike Strader made the motion to appoint Jason Brown as City Commission Seat No. 2, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

Mr. Brown then took the oath at that time and assumed his seat.

- b. **Election of Vice-Mayor** – Mike Strader made the motion to nominate Terry Baker as Vice-Mayor, Clara Welch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch, Brown Nay: None.

10. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

- a. **Report from Police Chief:** Officer Moore reported the department wrote 83 citations, worked 40 cases including several abatements and have made some good progress on several properties.
- b. **Report from Fire Chief:** Chief Robinson reported there were 9 runs for the month. Fire drills have been scheduled at the school as well as the fire prevention assembly. The department received 50 smoke detectors through a grant from the American Red Cross, they have to be installed by the end of August. Training is well underway and more training is being scheduled.
- c. **Report from Library Director:** Would like to thank all for their participation in the Gala, Friends of the Library made several thousand dollars from the silent auction. The annual report for the library is complete. The library board has met to establish goals to see how to better serve the community. Dumbo was shown as the back to school movie, there is a program on the 28th for babies age 0-4 years. We'll be hosting a certification class for the Library Academy on September 26th, there will be library personnel from around the state coming to the library.
- d. **Report from City Manager:** Mr. Campbell spoke welcoming Mr. Brown to the board. The library gala was a big success, commend the staff for their hard work. The audit is scheduled for August 26th, Misty Simpson has volunteered for the Christmas committee through the chamber and Nancy has been set as the point of contact for the T-Set we are currently working on.
- e. **Report from City Attorney:** Absent

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. **Report from Commissioner Porter:** Commend the library on their event, would like to welcome Jason aboard, look forward to working with you. The chamber received the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Grant to paint the Senior Citizen's Building. The school zone signs on B, C and D Streets are faded and need to look into being redone.

- b. Report from Commissioner Strader:** The mowing looks good on the highway, South Main looks horrible and needs to be weedeated. Would like to welcome Jason to the board.
- c. Report from Mayor Welch:** Welcome Jason, definitely appreciate your interest. Richard, thank you for your service and enjoy retirement.
- d. Report from Commissioner Baker:** Absent

12. ADJOURNMENT – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to adjourn, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Porter, Strader, Welch, Brown Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday August 13, 2019.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Clara Welch, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.