

**MINUTES  
YALE CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA  
DECEMBER 10, 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 December 10, 2019 by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Terry Baker, Mike Strader, Brian Porter, Jr., Jason Brown and Clara Welch.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Jason Brown made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **Regular Meeting – November 12, 2019**
  - b. **Approval of Claims**
  - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Calvin Oyster spoke concerning the ODOT 8-year plan and the fact that the section from Hwy 51 to Cushing continues to be pushed back. Mr. Oyster stated he'd like to see the City make this a priority.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 07-2019 “A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA FOR THE YEAR 2020.”** – Terry Baker made the motion to approve Resolution No. 07-2019, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
  - b. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 10-2019 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE BY THE YALE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF AN AMOUNT NOT GREATER THAN SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL FIRE STATION TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA.”** – Mr. McMillian explained the resolution need for the bids that came in for the Fire Department construction and that the bid would not be awarded until approval of such resolution. Terry Baker made the motion to approve Resolution No. 10-2019, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.

Clara Welch made the motion to take agenda item 9a out of order, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
7. **ORDINANCES**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 384 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-17 OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CEMETERY FEES, COSTS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”** – Mr. McMillian explained that section D had been deleted from this section of Code and E-1,2 and 3 was added. There has also been a fee associated with a permit that will need to be issued by City Hall. Liability Insurance and a bond will be required. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 384, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
  - b. **Consideration, discussion and action to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 384.** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 384, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.

**8. GENERAL ORDERS**

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on fiscal year 2019-2020 budget amendments.** – Mrs. Couch explained the requested budget amendments. Terry Baker made the motion to approve requested budget amendments for fiscal year 2019-2020, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action on a Tobacco Free Workplace Policy for the City of Yale.** – Mrs. Couch explained this was the last policy needed to be able to apply for the T-Set grant in the amount of \$10,000. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve the Tobacco Free Workplace Policy as presented. Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: Baker

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action to allow Non-City of Yale employees to perform excavations within the City of Yale Municipal Cemetery.** – Mrs. Welch stated this issue had come up by the way of complaints concerning the Cemetery. Mr. Baker stated due to the lack of equipment City staff discontinued opening and closing graves. Mr. Kelly stated the issue the regular digger has is that others that are contracted often don't come back in to finish the job and moving the dirt. Jason Brown made the motion for the City of Yale to continue the prior practice of allowing non-city employees to perform excavations within the City of Yale Municipal Cemetery. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action on the 2020 Observed Schedule of Holidays.** – Jason Brown made the motion to approve the 2020 Observed Schedule of Holidays. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.

Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to recess the Yale City Commission meeting, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.

Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to reconvene the Yale City Commission meeting, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. **An Executive Session for the purpose of holding confidential communication pursuant to 25 O.S. §307 (B)(1) to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of Interim City Manager.** – Terry Baker made the motion to enter into executive session, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Baker, Strader, Porter, Brown, Welch Nay: None. The meeting entered into executive session at 7:32 p.m. Executive session was exited at 7:55 p.m.

**11. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. **Possible action regarding the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of Interim City Manager.** – There were no votes/no action taken in executive session.

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

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on Tuesday December 10, 2019.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clara Welch, Mayor

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.**