

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
209 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 12, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

- 1. OPENING PRAYER**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 12, 2014 by Mayor Terry Baker.
- 3. ROLL CALL** – Present were Mike Strader, Richard Adsit, Pat Heilmann, Robert Crisjohn and Terry Baker.
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Pat Heilmann seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.
 - a. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Special Meeting – July 15, 2014**
 - ii. Special Meeting – July 18, 2014**
 - b. Approval of Claims**
- 5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
- 6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None
- 7. ORDINANCES**
 - a. Consideration, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 336 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT, ADOPTING SECTION 8-1.1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF, AMENDING SECTION 8-7 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 336, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.
 - b. Consideration, discussion and action on declaring an emergency on Ordinance No. 336** – Richard Adsit made the motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 366, Robert Crisjohn seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.
 - c. Consideration, discussion and action on Ordinance No. 337 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA; PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA; PERTAINING TO PLAN DESIGN; PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYER PICKUP OF REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER AND SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 337, Robert Crisjohn seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.
 - d. Consideration, discussion and action on declaring an emergency on Ordinance No. 337.** – Robert Crisjohn made the motion to declare an emergency on Ordinance No. 337, Pat Heilmann seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.

8. GENERAL ORDERS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on change of date for November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Yale City Commission.** – Robert Crisjohn made the motion to change the date of the Regular Meeting of the Yale City Commission from November 11, 2014 to November 13, 2014, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action on Oklahoma Department of Transportation 2018 Highway Project.** – Mr. Adams explained ODOT's plan to refurbish Hwy 51 through Yale; they've proposed a 3-lane with a single left hand turning lane. With this proposal they will also re-do curbing and sidewalks which will all be ADA compliant; also drainage and any signage. At this point a letter is needed to respond to ODOT confirming the decision of the commission on this project.

Robert Crisjohn made the motion to approve the recommendation for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's 2018 Highway Project providing 3-lanes on Hwy 51 with a single left hand turn lane, Pat Heilmann seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

- a. **Report from Police Chief:** August 29 will be the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign, check points will be set up for 3-4 hours in coordination with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Chief Kelly expressed regret in the loss of Mr. Adams as City Manager stating he was one of the best City Managers he had ever been associated with. Mr. Adams practices fair and equal treatment on everyone he meets and that is something Yale has not seen in a while. Also the City looks better than it has in years.
- b. **Report from City Attorney:** Absent
- c. **Report from City Manager:** Central Ok Economic Development District representative will be here next month to get started on our CIP Plan. Our plan completed by Municipal Engineering Group does not qualify for grants through the Dept. of Commerce because they are not a recognized agency. The Back to School Bash was a success and seemed to be rewarding for our community. Payne County will haul rock soon, First Baptist Church will be cleaning up the basketball court near the church, and Cimarron Valley Sod will be donating sod to finish the spillway. The pool is averaging 50 people a day, we still have around \$9700 remaining in pool donations for the season; the YYSA has done a great job on managing the pool.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a. **Report from Commissioner Strader:** Mr. Strader stated the Back to School Bash was good; it was nice to have the community and church involvement.
- b. **Report from Commissioner Adsit:** Mr. Adsit had the dates for the Back to School Bash and Appreciation Cookout reversed so he will be unable to attend the Appreciation Cookout. Mr. Adsit questioned whether the City had an ordinance on grass in the street from mowing; he's noticed not many people blow the grass back into their yards after mowing. Mr. Adams explained it's a step-by-step process; you have to start small and eventually pride will seep in with residents. Mr. Adams said Chief Kelly has stepped up and has worked with the City Attorney to make sure what we're doing is legal and what is in our Code Book. Mr. Adsit requested that we just ask people to make an effort to keep their grass from mowing out of the street.
- c. **Report from Commissioner Heilmann:** Ms. Heilmann asked when Mr. Adams planned on leaving and stated she believes that Mr. Adams is using God's will as his own will. Tom Mendenhall which was in the audience defended Mr. Adams stating he's been in the same situation and it takes a lot

of courage to follow your calling. Ms. Heilmann stated she did not feel like Mr. Adams' job was done; there are still problems on "B" Street, gravel had been laid but not well.

d. Report from Vice Mayor Crisjohn: Mr. Crisjohn stated he hated to see Mr. Adams leave but understands, whoever comes in as his replacement will be well on his way with the things Mr. Adams has put into place.

e. Report from Mayor Baker: Mr. Baker wished Mr. Adams well and really feels as though he is being called and hopes the best for Mr. Adams and for our town to continue growing.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Adsit made the motion to adjourn, Robert Crisjohn seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Strader, Adsit, Heilmann, Crisjohn, Baker Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Terry Baker, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014 AT 5:45 PM AT YALE CITY HALL.