

**MINUTES  
YALE CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
213 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020  
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 November 10, 2020 by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Jason Brown, Brian Porter, Jr., Clara Welch and Jessica Foutch.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Jason Brown made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch  
Nay: None.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **Regular Meeting – October 13, 2020**
    - ii. **Special Meeting – October 29, 2020**
  - b. **Approval of Claims**
  - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – The public hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m.
  - a. **Public Hearing to hear evidence and testimony on a petition received for de-annexation from Wilfred Walls and covering the described real property: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block Fifty (50), South Addition to the City of Yale, Oklahoma, Payne County, State of Oklahoma.** – Mr. Kelly asked what the purpose of the request for deannexation was. Mr. Walls stated part of his land was in the County and he'd like it all in the County. Mr. Kelly pointed out that he owns more dogs that what City ordinance allows. Mrs. Walls stated they were working on putting up fence all the way around the property. Office Moore believes the request is about the dogs and that they will still continue to be an issue even if the property is deannexed.

The public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

6. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Michael Dershem with Fellowship Baptist Church spoke wanting to explain the long-range plan of the church. They're still working on a few things, not quite ready for final approval but getting close.

Wilford Walls spoke stating that the road where his trailer is has torn up 3 vehicles, there are no culverts and large ruts.

Sharon Sparkman spoke concerning the ice storm last week stating there was lots of rain and the road where she lives was completely under water. She'd like to see City employees go through a road construction course. She stated better roads would bring more people to town and better drainage would make for a better city.

Nancy Griffin spoke on behalf of the City of Yale Wellness Committee and Payne County Live Well Coalition stating there will be a community needs assessment coming out soon. You can participate in the survey through Facebook, with a QR Code on a mobile device or there is a paper survey. This is really important in getting healthier food choices in our community as well as help for tobacco dependencies.

Clara Welch read a letter that was addressed to the City Commission suggesting to rename 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Carl Hensley Boulevard. Carl Hensley was a City Official, unofficial City Historian and funds for this have already been pledged by local residents.

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 08-2020 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA TO SIGN AND ISSUE AN ELECTION PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AND A RUNOFF ELECTION, IF NEEDED, IN THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA.** – Mr. McMillian explained the election resolution needed to stay in compliance with State and Charter requirements. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve Resolution No. 08-2020, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

## 8. GENERAL ORDERS

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on the petition for de-annexation from Wilfred Walls.** – Mr. McMillian stated that there would need to either be a motion to deny or approve the petition. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to deny the petition, Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- b. **Consideration, discussion and action on the property addressed at 420 S. B Street.** – Officer Moore stated the property owners are currently on quarantine and have requested this item to be continued to next month. Mr. McMillian explained options being to reset the item to a future date, take no action or to remediation by the City. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to direct staff to begin remediation by the City. Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- c. **Consideration, discussion and action on a proposal for an annual incentive payment to the City of Yale full-time employees for the month of December 2020.** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve a one-time annual incentive payment to the City of Yale full-time employees in the amount of \$400. Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- d. **Consideration, discussion and action on a proposal for an annual incentive payment to the City of Yale part-time employees for the month of December 2020.** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve a one-time annual incentive payment to the City of Yale part-time employees in the amount of \$200. Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Porter, Strader, Welch Abstain: Brown Nay: None.
- e. **Consideration, discussion and action on the 2021 Observed Schedule of Holidays.** – Mike Strader made the motion to approve the 2021 Observed Schedule of Holidays as presented. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- f. **Consideration, discussion and action on a revised Tobacco Free Workplace Policy for the City of Yale.** – Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Couch explained the proposed revision to the policy. Mr. Porter asked if this would affect the grant opportunities through T-SET, Mrs. Couch advised it would not. Jason Brown made the motion to approve the revised Tobacco Free Workplace Policy for the City of Yale employees, Clara Welch seconded the motion which was denied as follows: Yea: Brown, Welch, Abstain: Foutch Nay: Porter, Strader.
- g. **Consideration, discussion and action to an agent appointment agreement with Blue Mark Energy.** – Mr. McMillian explained that this agreement was approved roughly 6 weeks ago. Need to approve again, on the City side. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve an agent appointment agreement with Blue Mark Energy. Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- h. **Consideration, discussion and action on fiscal year 2020-2021 budget amendments.** – Jason Brown made the motion to approve the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget amendments, Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.
- i. **Consideration, discussion and action to consider the provisions and ordinances of the Yale City Code for purposes of the 2020 recodification of the Yale City Code.** – Clara Welch made the motion to table the item subject to call, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

Mr. McMillian explained that he hoped to have all the changes to the City Code made by the December 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting so it could be approved that night. It must be approved for recodification purposes by December 31, 202. Staff reviewed the proposed code as presented by Mr. McMillian, there was no action taken on this item.

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. **Consideration, discussion and action on an employee holiday party.** – Clara Welch made the motion to authorize \$1,800 for a staff party at Mugsy’s Grubhouse and to allow staff to decide details on the function. Mike Strader seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

**10. REPORTS**

- a. **Report from the White Way/Yale History Committee:** Mr. Brown handed out a written report of the Committee to date and stated the committee had changed. Brian Porter, Jr. stepped down, TJ Thurber and Cindy White have both joined the committee. They currently have found all the pieces to one light and Russell Hensley found a plaque that Carl Hensley had. The hope is to be able to complete two full lights. There have been many positive reactions on Facebook to this project.

Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to recess the regular meeting of the Yale City Commission at 7:33 p.m. on Tuesday November 10, 2020. Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

Jason Brown made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Yale City Commission at 8:17 p.m. on Tuesday November 10, 2020. Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

Jason Brown made the motion to remove from the table Item 8(i). Jessica Foutch seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Brown, Porter, Strader, Welch Nay: None.

Jessica Foutch reported that she had officially moved outside of the City limits which forced her to resign her position on the Board and that this would be her last meeting.

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

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

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

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

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.**