

**MINUTES  
YALE CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
111 N. "B" STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA  
OCTOBER 11, 2022  
6:30 P.M.**

Prior to the meeting Mayor Jason Brown presented Nancy Griffin a plaque in honor of her retirement and thanking her for her 12 years of service to the City in her many capacities.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Jason Brown.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Brian Porter, Jr., Jason Brown, Larry Brown, Mike Strader and Richard Adsit. Mr. Strader had taken his oath with the City Clerk prior to the meeting.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Jason Brown requested to have Purchase Orders 59023 and 59026 removed from the consent agenda. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda as presented, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter, Jason Brown Nay: None.
  - a. **Approval of Minutes**
    - i. **Regular Meeting – September 13, 2022**
  - b. **Approval of Claims**
  - c. **Financial Statements**
  - d. **Approval of Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund pension for Nancy Griffin**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – Richard Adsit made the motion to approve Purchase Orders 59023 and 59026, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter Abstain: Jason Brown
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Mr. Adsit stated that Ms. Griffin had been a valuable member of the staff and he hated to see her go but was happy for her retirement. He also stated that he understood our Winter Storm Grant should be received soon. People don't realize how much worry the board members had over that but we held off, didn't borrow the money, didn't file the bankruptcy and there's another town just 10 miles East that wasn't so lucky.

Nancy Griffin thanked the City staff for the beautiful plaque stating it has been a joy to work for the City, she stated she loves our little town and we haven't seen the last of her.

6. **GENERAL ORDERS**
  - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on the transfer of the Football Field, Ag Barn and Rodeo Arena located in Jim Thorpe Park to Yale Public Schools.** – Rocky Kennedy spoke on the needs and repairs that are needed to the property the school leases from the City and that the lack of ownership makes it hard to procure funds for those repairs. Mr. McMillian spoke on the legalities of the transfer of ownership and that the City could not gift any property and that property owned that was valued over \$50,000 would have to go before a vote of the people as part of the charter provision. Several community members spoke in favor of the improvements to the areas leased by the school stating safety concerns. It was advised that City legal counsel should visit with the school legal counsel to see what could be done about this matter. No action was taken.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - a. **An Executive Session to discuss confidential communication between the City Commission and the City Attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim or action pursuant to the advice of the City Attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City Commission to process the claim or conduct the pending investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 (B)(4) of the Oklahoma Statutes.** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to enter into executive session, Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows, Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter, Jason Brown Nay: None.

The meeting entered into executive session at 6:53 p. m.

Richard Adsit made the motion to exit executive session, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter, Jason Brown Nay: None. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

**8. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**a. Consideration, discussion and action to authorize commencement of legal proceedings against Cole Buchanan Ross for purposes of prohibiting interference with City of Yale abatement proceedings.**

– Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to file a civil suit against Cole Buchanan Ross to enjoin Mr. Ross from interfering with the clean-up and abatement process at 318 W. Broadway. Richard Adsit seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter, Jason Brown Nay: None.

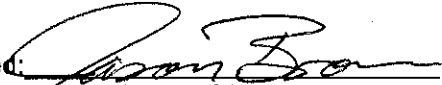
**b. ADJOURNMENT** – Richard Adsit made the motion to adjourn, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Larry Brown, Strader, Adsit, Porter, Jason Brown Nay: None

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. on Tuesday October 11, 2022.

Signed

  
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed

  
Jason Brown, Mayor

**NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2022 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL AND THE YALE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.**