

**CITY OF YALE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Brenda Krzak.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all**

Present: Council members Colton Middleton, Tammy Hazel, Patti Kendzierski, Brenda Krzak, Sharon Krosnicki, and Josh Jedrzejczak. City Clerk Ashley Aldea, and City Manager Lorrelei Natke

Absent: Shelley O'Brien

**23-134** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED**

**23-135** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve the council meeting minutes of July 24, 2023 as presented. **PASSED**

**23-136** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve bills and draw checks for the same, omitting a bill from St. Clair County Sheriff's Department for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$6,200.00. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Middleton. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**Public Comments on agenda items - None**

**23-137** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve **Resolution Y23-07**, approving proposal ballot language for a marihuana provisioning center. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**23-138** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krosnicki to approve **Resolution Y23-08**, approving millage ballot language regarding Elmwood Cemetery. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**Officer Jodi Soucy informed council that she applied for the Safe Routes to School Grant and was awarded \$45,000.00. In addition, the City of Yale will receive another \$300,000.00 for School Drive, to make it safer for children.**

**Chief Warren Head presented three new officers from the Police Department: Brian Dowell, Karen Chartier, and Scott Riddell.**

**DPW Superintendent Jason Hart introduced all of the employees of the department and presented his department head report.**

**Reyes Lopez presented his business plan for Winter Coqui Winery.**

- 23-139** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to amend Ordinance 176, Section A to instead say “any and all costs incurred.” *Roll call vote, Ayes: Middleton, Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: none. PASSED*

**Public Comments in General -**

**Linda Burghardt, 363 Park Ave-** Concerned about 375 Park Avenue blight. There is a unregistered motor home, three trucks, a refrigerator with the doors still on. All varieties of rodents are seen around the property and it is most certainly a dangerous structure.

**Dawn Hufford, 341 Park Ave-** Neighbors have been dealing with 375 Park Avenue blight for upwards of 30 years.

**Jim Brown, 351 Park Avenue-** 375 Park Avenue has deteriorated for 27 years. The neighbors of this address shouldn't have to deal with living next to a junkyard. He also provided photos of the address for reference.

**Tina Brown, Jeddo Rd-** At one time Jeff's Rubbish sent a crew to 375 Park Avenue to clean up the backyard. Is there a chance someone would step up and offer a service like that again?

- 23-140** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. **PASSED**

**Closed session began at 7:59 PM.**

- 23-141** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to return to open session. **PASSED**

**Open session resumed at 8:58 PM.**

**Final Comments -**

**Jedrzejczak-** Would enjoy seeing department heads at at least one meeting per month going forward.

**Middleton-** Excited by Mr. Lopez's business plan and looks forward to seeing developments on that.

- 23-142** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Jedrzejczak to adjourn @ 9:04 PM. **PASSED**

*I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Yale, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, held on the 14th day of August 2023, and that said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.*

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Ashley E. Aldea, City Clerk