

**CITY OF YALE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2022**

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

Present: Council members Anthony Hackett, Tammy Hazel, Patti Kendzierski, Jeff Meharg, Brenda Krzak, and Sharon Krosnicki. City Manager Neil Hammerbacher and City Clerk Ashley Aldea

Absent:

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

**22-114** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Meharg to approve the agenda as amended, adding 8B- Well Pump Quotes, 9F- Possible Appointment of New Mayor, and 9G- City Manager Performance Appraisal . **PASSED**

**22-115** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Hazel to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 and July 13, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

**22-116** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg and Krzak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**Public Comments on agenda items -**

**Perry Sutherland, 305 Arthur St-** Urged council to remember that the city attorney, and city manager have advised against appointing a mayor this close to an election. Council will be putting their own positions in jeopardy by making the decision to appoint a mayor, should instead wait and allow the electors of the city to decide.

**Shelley O'Brien, 119 S. Main St-** Was under the impression the issue of whether or not a Mayor should be appointed had already been resolved. Urged council not to appoint a mayor at this time, and allow the people of Yale to decide on Election Day, which is only a stone's throw away. Subverting the will of the people is not a good position for council to take.

**22-117** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the mayoral appointment of Brad Fuller to the DDA Board, to replace Chuck McMillin. **PASSED**

**22-118** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Hazel to approve the proposal from Northern Pump & Well for pipeline work on Well #4, for the amount of \$7,247.00. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**22-119** P Motion by Kendzierksi, seconded by Hazel to approve switching to the MERS Supplemental Retirement Program. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, Hackett, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

- 22-120** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve **Resolution Y22-07**, establishing authorized signatories for MERS . **PASSED**
- 22-121** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to form a sub-committee for the purpose of union negotiations with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324. The sub-committee will be made up of Council Members Kendzierski, Hazel, and Hackett. **PASSED**
- 22-122** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to increase election worker wages by \$3.00 per hour, with effectiveness retroactive to August 2, 2022. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Meharg, Krzak, Hackett, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-123** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Krosnicki to hire Laura Black as a part time Police Officer per the recommendation of Chief Warren Head.. **PASSED**
- 22-124** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to appoint Richard Busch as Mayor for City of Yale. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, and Meharg. Nays: Krzak, and Krosnicki.* **PASSED**
- 22-125** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Meharg to approve the City Manager, Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem attending a training on Marijuana. **PASSED**

**Public Comments in general -**

**Shelley O'Brien, 119 S Main St-** Disgusted and disappointed that City Council has chosen cronyism again, but is not surprised. The same people have been choosing who gets on council, and therefore who has access to the city's governance, for many years. Too much of the city has been run like a private business, and it should not be.

**Perry Sutherland, 305 Arthur St-**Council has succeeded in reappointing Yale's biggest embarrassment and ignoring the wishes of the citizens of Yale.

**Richard Busch, 124 Clark St-** Thank you to council for the votes tonight. Looking forward to working with the City Council, there is much to be done.

**Barb Stasik, 106 E Mechanic St-** Thank you to the City of Yale, including the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Manager, and City Clerk for all of their help and making the Bologna Festival a success.

**Final Comments -**

**Police-** None

**DPW-** None

**Fire-** Initial quotes on some of the Yale Fire Dept equipment have been provided to the sub-committee on the Brockway Twp Fire contract.

**Final Council Comments -**

**Hazel-**Thanks to Barb Stasik for all of your hard work on the Yale Bologna Festival. Welcome Back Mayor Busch.

**Meharg-** Ran for council in 4 elections and was voted in by the people of Yale. He was appointed back on to council after being approached by multiple council members and is not running for re-election. Is only here until January to assist the City.

**City Clerk Aldea-** Thanks to Council for approving the election inspector wage increase. August election was very successful, hoping November will go similarly.

**City Manager Hammerbacher-** Reminder that the Parks and Rec Committee will meet Wednesday August 10, 2022 @ 1:30 PM.

**Krosnicki-** The issue between Mr. Busch and Mr. Sutherland is personal, and Council should not hear of it over and over. Does not believe Council is showing any favoritism, and resents the word “cronyism”. The blight at 205 Morrell St is possibly the worst case of blight the city has seen.

**Krzak-** Police Union negotiations have stalled, and will be sent to mediation. Staff Meeting will be held on August 9, 2022 @ 10:00 AM, all department heads are required to attend. Town Hall meeting on citizen opinion of recreational marihuana will be held on August 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

**22-126**      **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to adjourn @ 7:59 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 8th day of August 2022, 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