

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Richard Busch.

Present: Council members Tammy Hazel, Patti Kendzierski, Brenda Krzak, and Sharon Krosnicki. Interim City Manager John Osborn, and City Clerk Ashley Aldea

Absent: Jeff Meharg

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

22-167 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the agenda as presented.

PASSED

22-168 *P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022 as presented. PASSED*

22-169 *P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to approve bills and draw checks for the same. Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Krzak. Nays: none. PASSED*

Public Comments on agenda items – None

Ken Berthiaume of Berthiaume & Company was present and gave a report about the completed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 audit. .

22-170 *P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to approve the mayoral appointment of Lorrelei Natke for City Manager, and accept the proposed City Manager's contract. Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Krzak, and Hazel. Nays: none. PASSED*

22-171 *P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Krosnicki to approve the promotion of Laura Black from part-time to full-time police officer. Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Krzak, Hazel, and*

Kendzierski. Nays: none. PASSED

City Manager's Report- Police Chief Warren Head has appointed James Tassie as the Assistant Police Chief. The survey of Oatman Road property has been completed, noted that some work was also done on Commerce Drive cul-de-sac. There have been a couple of sewer issues to note, one on Bettis Street that has been resolved and another (Spring/Mary Street) to be discussed further this evening. New street lights have been installed along West Mechanic St and are now operational. Uniform Chart of Accounts is being taken changed once again. Implementation of those changes usually takes around 3 months to complete. The required documents for revenue sharing were submitted before the due date.

22-172 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the farmer's market manager contract with changed dates. . Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Krzak, Hazel, and Kendzierski. Nays: none. **PASSED**

22-173 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to accept the service agreement with Silversmith Data for an initial cost of \$5,450.00 and an annual cost of \$1,250.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Krzak. Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: None. **PASSED**

22-174 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to accept the recommended bid for work on the water tower, in the amount of \$129,500.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Krzak, and Hazel. Nays: None. **PASSED**

22-175 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to adopt **Resolution**

Y22-12, a resolution authorizing transfer of funds from sewer capital improvement to water capital improvement. Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Krzak, Hazel, and Kendzierski. Nays: None. PASSED

22-176 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to accept the proposal from Bluewater Audio/Visual for council room audio equipment in the amount of \$5,580.00, to be paid using SLFRF (COVID) funds. Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Hazel, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: None. PASSED

22-177 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the proposal from Michigan Pipe Inspection for sanitary sewer repairs on Spring Street, in the amount of \$25,265.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Krzak. Nays: None. PASSED

Public Comments in general -

Shelley O'Brien, 119 S Main St- Disappointed to see that the resolution regarding censoring Council Member Meharg was removed from the agenda. She also provided City Clerk Aldea with an email from the building inspector detailing his interaction with Mr. Meharg.

David Gardner, 105 Fourth St- Reminded council that when they are spending such large amounts of money, these matters should go out for bid.

He believes Oatman Rd property should not be sold. Claims that there is an issue with at least one of the lagoons that needs to be resolved first.

22-178 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing union contract negotiations and further that the City Clerk be excluded from the executive

session as her clerical position is covered by the union contract and she is a member of the union's negotiating committee and further that the interim city manager keep and maintain the minutes of the session. Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Hazel. Nays: None. **PASSED**

Entered closed session at 8:23 PM.

Closed session was ended at 8:45 PM.

Final Comments -

Police- Crossing Guard Eric Kleitch is going back to work, but his wife has offered to replace him.

DPW- Jason Hart passed all of his tests.

Fire- None

Final Council Comments -

Kendzierski- Inquired about whether or not High Street been repaired.

Krzak- As representatives for the community, city council members need to be held to high standards.

Hazel- Was contacted by a tenant at Yale Apartments regarding deplorable conditions. Landlords need to be held accountable. Maintaining a rental committee is important in changing the bad conditions of many current rental properties.

22-179 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to cancel the December 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. **PASSED**

22-180 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to adjourn @ 8:47 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 12th day of December 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.

