

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Sherri Knecht.

Present: Council members Anthony Hackett, Sherri Knecht, Brenda Krzak, Tammy Hazel, and Sharon Krosnicki. City Manager Ian Kempf and City Clerk Ashley Aldea

Absent: Patti Kendzierski

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

22-026 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to approve the agenda as presented. .
PASSED

22-027 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

22-028 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Knecht and Krzak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Public Comments on agenda items -

Mark Abraham, Fort Gratiot- Provided council with a sheet on investment projections if the City of Yale opts in for marihuana cultivation facilities.

Aron Angelbrandt- To expound on what Mr. Abraham spoke about, there would also be 40-60 jobs produced if the City opted in for cannabis.

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl St- Believes her husband spoke at the last meeting.

22-029 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to accept the proposal for city insurance, from Decker Agency in the amount of \$38,622.00 *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Krosnicki, Knecht, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-030 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krzak instructing the city manager and city attorney to draft sample language for the city to opt-in for marihuana cultivation/processing facilities. **PASSED**

22-031 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Krosnicki to accept the nomination of Neil Hammerbacher for City Manager. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Knecht, Krzak, Hackett, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-032 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Krzak to approve the employment agreement for the City Manager position. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Knecht, Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, and Krosnicki. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

- 22-033** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Hackett to move approval of the well pump replacement to the next committee meeting, with authority to act at that time. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, Krosnicki, and Knecht. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-034** P Motion by Krosnicki, seconded by Krzak to instruct the city manager to acquire proposals for outsourcing payroll. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Krosnicki, Knecht, and Krzak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-035** P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hackett to enter into closed session to review a written legal opinion with legal counsel. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Krosnicki, Knecht, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Closed session was ended at 8:36 PM

City Manager's Report- Five First Aid kits were donated to the city by the Eastern Michigan State Fair.

Public Comments in general -

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl St- Inquired about which qualifications the council was looking for during the hiring process of the City Manager.

Barb Stasik, 106 E Mechanic- A new sound system for downtown has been installed. Bologna Festival planning is underway. The Festival will be held July 29-31, 2022.

Final Comments -

Police- None

DPW- None

Fire- Chief Hubbard provided council with sheets on cost per year totals. There were 4 runs last month. Training this month will focus on truck placement. Interlock switch on the back of the tower truck is inoperable but the override button does work.

Final Council Comments- None

- 22-036** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krzak to adjourn @ 8:54 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 March 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.

Ashley E. Aldea, City Clerk