

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 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, Patti Kendzierski, Tammy Hazel, and Sharon Krosnicki. City Manager Neil Hammerbacher and City Clerk Ashley Aldea

Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

22-037 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED**

22-038 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

22-039 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski 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 - None

22-040 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to authorize City Manager Hammerbacher to draft a letter to the IRS requesting forgiveness/reduction of fines. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Krosnicki, Knecht, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-041 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to accept the resignation of Paul Williams from the Elmwood Cemetery Board and the Planning Commission, with regrets. **PASSED**

22-042 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krosnicki to authorize a water and sewer rate analysis. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Knecht, Krzak, Hackett, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-043 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Krzak to accept the proposal from Arrowhead Upfitters in the amount of \$15,308.00 to upfit the new police department cruiser . *Roll call vote, Ayes: Knecht, Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, and Krosnicki. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

City Manager's Report- Presented council with the State of Michigan Financial Reporting requirements, as well as the City of Yale cash and investment summary. Also reviewed the financial statements for the water, sewer, and general funds. Briefly discussed the police union election tabulation results.

Public Comments in general -

Willard Hortop, 1 Spring St- Asked several questions in regards to the new water meters and the software used.

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl St- Doesn't consent to new water meter.

Barb Stasik, 106 E Mechanic St- Inquired on whether or not there were any updates on the possibility of a forensic audit.

Final Comments -

Police- None

DPW- None

Fire- Chief Hubbard provided council with the number of runs during March. Requested approval of appointment of Bronze Wadsworth and Kendall Landry to Yale Fire Dept.

22-044 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to appoint Bronze Wadsworth and Kendall Landry to the Yale Fire Dept per Chief Hubbard's recommendation. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, Krosnicki, and Knecht. Nays: none.*
PASSED

Final Council Comments-

Hazel- Asked fellow council members if water usage has ever been limited within the city of Yale. *Water usage has never been limited by City of Yale.*

Krzak- Expressed concern with the increasing blight within the city.

City Clerk Aldea- Offered that perhaps the blight ordinance should be reviewed. Many times blight that is reported actually doesn't qualify as blight according to the ordinance.

Krosnicki- Unhappy that there is still no representation from DPW at the meetings. Inquired about the GAGA Pit donation from Brockway Masonic Lodge.

22-045 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to adjourn @ 7:50 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 11th day of April 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