

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Brenda Krzak.

Present: Council members Tammy Hazel, Patti Kendzierski, Brenda Krzak, Sharon Krosnicki, Shelley O'Brien, and Colton Middleton. Interim City Manager John Osborn, City Manager Lorrelei Natke and City Clerk Ashley Aldea

Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

23-001 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the agenda as amended, adding 10A- Rental Ordinance Committee. **PASSED**

23-002 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

23-003 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and O'Brien. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Public Comments on agenda items - None

At this time Mayor Krzak accepted nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Sharon Krosnicki nominated Patti Kendzierski, Mrs. Kendzierski declined the nomination.

Sharon Krosnicki nominated Colton Middleton.

23-004 P Motion by Krosnicki, seconded by Hazel to cast a unanimous ballot for Colton Middleton as Mayor Pro Tem. **PASSED**

23-005 P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Krosnicki to approve the mayoral appointment of Warren Head as Chief of Police. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Kendzierski. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

23-006 P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hazel to approve the mayoral appointment of Fletcher, Fealko, Shoudy, and Francis as the City Attorney. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

23-007 P Motion by Middleton, seconded by Kendzierski to accept mayoral appointment of Chris Hubbard as Fire Chief. *Roll call vote, Ayes: O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Middleton. Nays: None.* **PASSED**

- 23-008** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Kendzierski to accept the mayoral appointment of Lorrelei Natke as City Manager. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and O'Brien. Nays: None. PASSED*
- 23-009** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the mayoral appointments to the Cemetery Board, Planning Commission, DDA Board, and Board of Review. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, and Hazel. Nays: None. PASSED*
- City Manager's Report-** The sewer issue on Mary Street was able to be investigated further but it is necessary to put in a manhole on Mary St. So far the cost, for the project is half what was initially estimated. As previously reported, the survey work on Commerce Drive is complete and bid acceptance notice has been advertised. Financial reports have been distributed to Council for informational purposes.
- 23-010** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to accept applications to fill the city council vacancy, deadline to be January 20, 2022 @12:00 noon. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Kendzierski. Nays: None. PASSED*
- 23-011** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hazel to amend article 8.2 of City Council Rules to allow for 6 minutes per person for public comments. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: None. PASSED*
- 23-012** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve City Council Rules. *Roll call vote, Ayes: O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Middleton. Nays: None. PASSED*
- 23-013** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Kendzierski to accept the Yale City Council Committee Structure for 2023-2024. **PASSED**
- 23-014** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to table the proposed Police Chief contract, for discussion at the January 23, 2023 Committee Meeting. **PASSED**
- 23-015** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to adopt **Resolution Y23-01**, approving a deficit elimination plan for the cemetery fund. *Roll call vote, Ayes: O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Middleton. Nays: none. PASSED*
- 23-016** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hazel to approve city manager assistance for \$47.50/hr for up to 8 hours per week. *Roll call vote, Ayes: O'Brien, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Middleton. Nays: None. PASSED*

Public Comments in General -

Mark Abraham, Fort Gratiot- Agreed that placing a provisioning center on a ballot wouldn't be a bad idea.

Aron Anglebrandt, Port Huron- The topic of a possible provisioning center in Yale was requested to the representatives of Farm Science by Yale residents. This is something the members of the community desire.

Tammi Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Inquired about a special election for the purpose of placing a dispensary in Yale and asked about lagoon issues that were brought up during citizen comments at a previous meeting.

Mike Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Concerned about the value of his home and property if a provisioning center is placed adjacent to his property.

- 23-017** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by O'Brien 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: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, and Hazel. Nays: None. PASSED*

Entered closed session at 8:26 PM.

Closed session was ended at 8:46 PM.

- 23-018** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by O'Brien to approve the contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 for a term of three years. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Kendzierski. Nays: none. PASSED*

Final Comments -

Police- Thanked Mayor Krzak and City Council for the appointment. Also presented an update and some information about the current department/employees for the council members information.

DPW-

Fire- Next meeting regarding the Fire Service contract will be held January 18 @ 6:00 PM at City Hall. Members of that sub-committee are City Manager Natke, Mayor Brenda Krzak, council member Patti Kendzierki, and Mike Hazel.

Final Council Comments -

O'Brien- Very excited to be elected to City council and looks forward to serving the residents of Yale.

Kendzierski- Inquired on the status of the generator sale.

Middleton- Thanks the residents of Yale for the opportunity to be on Yale City Council. He maintains an open door policy, if residents want or need to discuss something or have questions, he is always available.

Hazel- Welcome to the new council members and City Manager Natke. Looking forward to serving the community for another term.

City Manager Natke- Looking forward to moving Yale forward. Noted that she maintains an open door policy.

Interim City Manager Osborn- This is the last meeting he plans to attend. He and new City Manager Natke have worked well together and he believes she will do well.

Krzak- Congratulations to re-elected and newly elected council members. Thank you to John Osborn for coming back to assist.

23-019 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by O'Brien to adjourn @ 8:49 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 9th day of January 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.

Ashley E. Aldea, *City Clerk*