

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022**

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

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

Absent: Tammy Hazel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

22-094 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Hackett to approve the agenda as amended, adding 9E, Bologna Festival Approval . **PASSED**

22-095 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the minutes of June 13, June 27, and June 29, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

22-096 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- Inquired about whether or not the council would discuss appointing a mayor tonight.

Ashley Aldea, 3 Spring St- Voiced concern about the proposed Personnel Policy revisions.

22-097 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Meharg to approve the mayoral appointment of Lisa Kocis to the Elmwood Cemetery Board. **PASSED**

22-098 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Meharg to appoint 2 council members and 2 city residents to be on the Parks and Recreation Committee. **PASSED**

22-099 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the mayoral appointment of Sharon Krosnicki and Tammy Hazel to the Parks and Recreation Committee. **PASSED**

22-100 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to approve COVID relief hazard pay bonuses in the amount of \$200.00 for election workers and \$500.00 for Phil Lindal, the previous building custodian. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-101 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Kendzierski to adopt Ordinance No. 194, and ordinance granting franchise to SEMCO Energy. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krosnicki, Krzak, Hackett, and Kendzierski. Nays: Meharg.* **PASSED**

- 22-102** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Meharg to adopt **Resolution Y22-05**, approving a policy for ACH and electronic transactions of the City of Yale. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Meharg, Krzak, Hackett, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-103** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to adopt **Resolution Y22-06**, supporting the use of credit cards by the City of Yale. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Hackett, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Meharg. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-104** P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to table the personnel policy revision until the next committee meeting. **PASSED**
- 22-105** P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Kendzierski to table the resolution on waiving health insurance coverage. **PASSED**
- 22-106** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to approve the 2022 Yale Bologna Festival. **PASSED**

City Manager's Report- City manager Neil Hammerbacher provided the council with delinquent water/sewer report as well as delinquent accounts receivables report. Council was also provided a City of Yale Top 30 Taxpayers Report.

- 22-107** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Meharg to instruct the City Manager to approve water shut-offs for non-payment of delinquent water accounts. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Meharg. Nays: Krzak.* **PASSED**
- 22-108** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to approve pursuing collection efforts as the City Manager deems appropriate on aged accounts receivables. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, and Hackett. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 22-109** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hackett to enter into closed session for contract negotiations. **PASSED**

Closed Session began at 7:49 PM

- 22-110** P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to resume regular council meeting. **PASSED**

Meeting resumed at 7: 59 PM

- 22-111** P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Meharg to form a sub-committee to review and discuss the contract in progress with Brockway Township for fire service. Committee will consist of Council Members Hackett, Meharg, and Krzak. **PASSED**

Public Comments in general -

Barb Stasik, 106 E Mechanic St- Reminded council that Andrea Duquette raised funds for park equipment. Inquired with City Manager Hammerbacher about the water fund deficit.

Pat Bertram, 103 W. Mechanic- Asked if the Poloce Dept would be hiring a designated blight officer. Also inquired about street condition assessment and when that would be completed.

Final Comments -

Police- None

DPW- None

Fire- Spoke on the contract with Brockway Twp. Recommended keeping the ladder truck. This month, the fire department will be doing water rescue training.

Final Council Comments (Part 1) -

Hackett- Blight complaints MUST be addressed, and the officer in charge of blight needs to do his job.

Meharg- Reiterated Hackett's comments; blight officer MUST do hid job. Remains adamant about appointing a mayor.

22-112 **F** Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to advertise for 10 days for application to the fill the mayor vacancy. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, and Meharg,. Nays: Hackett, Krosnicki, and Krzak. FAILED*

Final Council Comments (Part 2)-

Krosnicki- Very happy with the Farmer's Market so far.

Kendzierski- Requested that DPW move some picnic tables over near the area designated for the Farmer's Market.

City Manager Hammerbacher- St. Clair County is holding a meeting about park/rec grant opportunities that he will be attend and report back on.

Krzak- Appreciates everyone's input tonight. Blight definitely need to be addressed.

City Clerk Aldea- Golf cart permits for Bologna Festival are available for purchase. Price is \$15.00 per permit. Qualifying petitions for November ballot are due by July 21 @ 4:00 PM. Suggested having regular staff meetings for all departments and a few members of council.

22-113 **P** Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kenzierski to adjourn @ 8:37 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 July 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