

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2023**

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

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

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

23-037 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED**

23-038 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Middleton to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 as presented. **PASSED**

23-039 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023 as presented. **PASSED**

23-040 P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hazel to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and O'Brien. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

23-041 P Motion by Jedrzejczak, seconded by Kendzierski to reduce public comment time allowance to two minutes per person. **PASSED**

Public Comments on agenda items -

Michele Siegel, 12980 Metcalf Rd- Doesn't believe city council is being objective when approaching the subject of marijuana.

Linda Burkhardt, 363 Park Ave- Highly opposed to having any sort of marijuana business in Yale. Believes that people need to stand up against the prospect of marijuana businesses, otherwise Yale will lose its small town feel.

Linda Keyworth, Arendt Rd- Marijuana growers do not care about the city, but she is worried about the youth of the community if marijuana businesses come to the city.

Dan Druia -Lives in the township and has seen many properties purchased just for use of the outbuildings to grow marijuana in. Doesn't want marijuana businesses brought to the City of Yale.

Matt Smith- Is a township resident that lives near five properties that were purchased just for the use of outbuildings just to grow marijuana. Opposed to "bringing Detroit to Yale"

Liz Dabney- At very least, hopes Council will allow a special election so the people may vote on bringing a dispensary to Yale.

Tami Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Has looked for comparable properties/homes in the event that a marijuana business is put in adjacent to her property, and can't find anything comparable. Fears that her family will have to move out of the school district.

Cindy Potter (Sent in statement)- Opposed to having marijuana businesses within the City.

Joyce Hortop (Sent in statement)- Disappointed in Council, does not support any marijuana business opening in Yale. Fears for the safety of the community.

- 23-042** P Motion by Middleton, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve changing committee structure to eliminate the Committee of the Whole Meeting, and instead hold two Council Meetings per month. **PASSED**
- 23-043** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krosnicki to forego selling Oatman Road property at this time. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 23-044** P Motion by Krosnicki, seconded by Kendzierski to hold a November election for the issue of allowance of adult-use marijuana businesses within the city. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: None.* **PASSED**
- 23-045** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Jedrzejczak to direct the City Manager to handle any public complaints in reference to the Open Meetings Act. **PASSED**
- 23-046** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krosnicki to approve the proposal from Decker Agency for City Liability Insurance for the amount of \$38,622.00. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki,. Nays: None.* **PASSED**
- 23-047** P Motion by Krosnicki, seconded by Jedrzejczak that City Council business cards must be purchased by the individuals council members if they wish to acquire them. *Roll call vote, Ayes: O'Brien, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, and Krosnicki and Middleton,. Nays: Hazel.* **PASSED**
- 23-048** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by O'Brien to appoint City Manager Natke as Zoning Administrator and authorize a stipend in the amount of \$2,500.00 annually. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and O'Brien. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 23-049** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krosnicki to approve the purchase of stainless steel barriers for well houses from Yale Steel in the amount of \$1,403.75. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**
- 23-050** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the purchase of a line tracer for utility marking from C&S Solutions in the amount of \$6,626.99. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

23-051 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve quotes from Mr. Bob Holley to repair the roofs and replace shingles on three well houses, for a cost of \$7,609.00. Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: none. **PASSED**

City Manager's Report- There will be two public hearings so the Parks and Rec Committee can hear public input on what is desired within the City Park. Those hearings will be held Tuesday April 18 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM, and April 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

Public Comments in General -

Tami Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Asked for clarification on who is on the Park and Rec Committee. Voiced concern about the state of disrepair of the concession area at the park. Inquired about what particularly would be on the ballot in November.

Final Comments -

O'Brien- Clarified comments that she made on a discussion on the internet.

Krosnicki- Reiterated the fact that Council does try their very best to represent the people of the community, and wants to do what is best for the City of Yale and it's residents.

City Clerk Aldea- Blight Officer has begun on gathering information on blight throughout the City.

Middleton- Thanks to those that attend the meetings and have the courage to get up and voice their opinions. Encouraged everyone to continue doing so.

23-052 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to adjourn @ 8:28 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 13th day of March 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