

**CITY OF YALE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2023**

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all**

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

**23-053** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the agenda as presented. **PASSED**

**23-054** P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the committee meeting minutes of February 27, 2023 as presented. **PASSED**

**23-055** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the council meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 as presented. **PASSED**

**23-056** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hazel, Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, and O'Brien. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**Public Comments on agenda items - None**

**23-057** P Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Kendzierski to approve the two-year DPW Superintendent Contract for Jason Hart. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

**23-058** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krosnicki to accept the proposal from Elhorn Engineering to purchase 6 XT400 scales for a total cost of \$13,320.00. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: None.* **PASSED**

**City Manager's Report-** City Manager Natke informed council that a letter from a city resident was included in your packet, as it was missed last meeting. *(The letter was from Mrs. Susan Gardner, reiterating what she had spoken about at past meetings; she is opposed to bringing marijuana businesses to the City of Yale.)* City Manager and DPW employee Jason Hart attended court on behalf of the City regarding the refusal of a property owner to install a new Kamstrup water meter. The city did prevail although the homeowner has 21 days to have a new meter installed, contact the city to inform of a decision to opt out of city water service and have their water turned off, or file an appeal of the court's decision. The City of Yale Park and Rec Committee will be holding two public hearings to hear from community members on their wishes for park improvements. The dates

are April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 5:00 PM, and April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. This will also be an opportunity for members of the community to meet and speak to the new City Manager. The Fire Contract is currently on hold as the City awaits a cost proposal from Brockway Township.

**Public Comments in General -**

**Paul McIvor, 5 First St-** Commended the Council on their productive discussion regarding the Oatman Road property, but reminded the board that the property was initially purchased for the purpose of expanding the lagoons when and if it was needed. Recommended that the Cemetery Board look into tree maintenance for the aging trees that could potentially become a costly hazard.

**Barb Stasik, 106 E. Mechanic St-** Inquired about obtaining a list of the chemicals and quantities of chemicals used for treating the city's water supply.

**Final Comments -**

**Middleton-** In regard to the blight list that was provided to council tonight, were citations issued, or are these just warnings? *The listed properties were given warnings.*

**Krosnicki-** Believes the current blight officers is doing a great job. Now the city needs to focus on the large amount of vacant properties and rentals.

**Kendzierski-** The benches around the City Christmas Tree are almost all damaged or broken. *City Manager Natke has already been made aware of the situation and is working to get it resolved with the company that was believed to be at fault.*

**Mayor Krzak-** Commended the Council on the productive discussion this evening.

**23-059** P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Middleton to adjourn @ 8:07 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 27th 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.*

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Ashley E. Aldea, City Clerk