

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

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

Absent:

24-080 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Jedrzejczak to approve the agenda as amended, reversing 10A1 and 10B2, and adding 10 C1- Roles and Responsibilities. **PASSED**

24-081 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krosnicki to approve the council meeting minutes of May 13, 2024 as presented. **PASSED**

24-082 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, 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 -

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl St- In regard to the water/sewer rates, could COVID funds be used?

Madison Dupuis, 202 S Main St- Has almost been hit 4 times walking to and from school at the intersection of Main St/North St and Park Avenue. Is it possible to get a crossing guard?

Student Advisor Report- Students have less than 2 weeks of school left, many awards ceremonies and student exams will be taking place. Geometry and Construction class is still working on building structures for the school district. Student Council and Class Officer elections are taking place for next school year. Eight students from track and field will compete for state titles, and the girls soccer team will compete in the second round of districts against Almont. The new Student Advisor to City Council will be Raegan Majcher, she will be present for meetings during first semester, and Keirra Taube will take over for second semester.

City Manager's Report- The new Blue Cross broker will be on site June 6th for benefits education. Drafted a letter of interest for a new EGLE Justice Impact grant. Extended heartfelt appreciation to Joe and Amanda of MRWA for all of their hard work with the water rate study. Kudos to Officer Travis Summerer for being the first officer in St. Clair County to obtain a Red Flag warrant. A representative from MRWA was on site recently to conduct an energy evaluation of our water and sewer systems.

24-083 **P** Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to purchase SCADA for an initial cost of \$54,265.00, with an additional yearly fee of 2,650.00 which will increase annually. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Jedrzejczak, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, O'Brien and Hazel. Nays: none. PASSED*

24-084 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to accept the water/sewer rate study as presented by MRWA, and to implement the rates on the billing for July usage. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Middleton, Hazel, and Jedrzejczak. Nays: O'Brien. PASSED*

24-085 **P** Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krosnicki to begin the bid process for park renovation labor & equipment as per the park committee's recommendation. **PASSED**

At this time, Council again discussed what would be done with the 2011 Dodge Charger. Council directed City Manager Natke to obtain a quote for removing all police upfitting from the vehicle.

Council member Hazel exited the meeting

24-086 **P** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Middleton to restore City Clerk Aldea's access to the Timesheets application temporarily. **PASSED**

Public Comments in General -

Eric Kleitch, 324 Park Ave- Big thanks to DPW for trimming trees in a timely manner

Jodi Soucy, Welch Rd- City Clerk and City Manager both have done good for the city. Believes council should do their diligence in researching issues.

Travis Summerer, Spring St- City Clerk has found errors with timesheets, both paper and electronic. The City cannot allow other departments to use the Charger if it is still upfitted for police use.

Jason Hart, Kilbourn Rd- Everyone does a great job. Believes the city is the best it's ever been.

Final Comments -

O'Brien- Very happy to see police presence in Marathon parking lot

Jedrzejczak- Glad to see representation from the police department at the meeting.

Kendzierski- Everyone is doing a great job. Council is trying to do what is best for everyone; it's a tough job.

Krosnicki- The city has come a long way in a year. Everyone does a great job. Tonight's discussion on payroll should have been private.

24-087 **P** Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Middleton to adjourn @ 10:39 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 28.th day of May 2024, 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*