

**CITY OF YALE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Busch.

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

Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

22-127 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Hazel to approve the agenda as presented . **PASSED**

22-128 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Hazel to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022 as presented. **PASSED**

22-129 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Krzak to approve bills and draw checks for the same. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg and Krzak. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Public Comments on agenda items -

Bill McMurtrie, Brockway Twp Supervisor- Inquired about whether or not the Oatman Road property would house a marijuana facility if it is sold. Has concerns about security, traffic on the road, the smell, etc. since it will impact Brockway Township.

Tammi Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Worried about how a marijuana facility would affect her property, the value of it, how it would affect traffic on the road, etc.

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl Rd- Been asking the City for an opt-out on new water meters, and is in disbelief at the city's unwillingness to work with her family. Asked council to look into their hearts and work with a community member.

22-130 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krzak to approve the purchase of two DPW iPads through Apple for a cost of \$2,048.00 to be split between the water and sewer funds. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-131 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Hazel to approve payment in the amount of \$12,000.00 to Spicer Group to construct a Park Concept Plan. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, Hackett, and Hazel. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

22-132 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Kendzierski to accept the MFR contract with Brockway Township for \$5,500.00 for a term of one year. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, and Meharg. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

- 22-133 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Kendzierski to list the property on Oatman Road and contact 3 real estate companies to inquire about commission rates. **PASSED**
- 22-134 P Motion by Hackett, seconded by Krzak to offer the interim city manager position to John Osborn at the rate of \$42.00/hr for 20 hours per week. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Krzak, Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki. Nays: Meharg.* **PASSED**
- 22-135 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Kendzierski to enter into closed session for police negotiations. **PASSED**

**Entered closed session at 8:13 PM.
Closed session was ended at 8:22 PM.**

- 22-136 P Motion by Meharg, seconded by Krzak to approve the police union contract for the years of 2022, 2023, and 2024. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, and Meharg. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Public Comments in general -

Kim Hortop, 114 McColl St- Has already retained a lawyer to represent her regarding the non-compliant water meter.

Shelley O'Brien, 119 S Main St- When will code enforcement be addressed again? Recommended broadcasting meetings live, or making them available to watch after the fact.

Final Comments -

Police- None

DPW- None

Fire- Engine 32 was inspected. Will remind department to slow down on the way to fire runs.

Final Council Comments -

Meharg- Daniel Hazzard reported that the new blight officer was seen going into the barn on his property, and was very concerned. Wishes Mr. Hammerbacher would stay, but the city would be at a loss without someone for 5-6 weeks. A representative from F&V Operations was here tonight and believes it's imperative that a representative from DPW comes to these meetings as well. Also, High Street still is need of repair.

Hackett- Broadcasting meetings is a great idea and as it can be hard to hear, council members should has microphones.

Kendzierski- Also heard from Daniel Hazzard about the blight officer being on his property, believes that could be considered trespassing.

Krosnicki- The Girl Scouts have asked for permission to construct a butterfly garden at the library, and were given the City Manager's blessing to do so.

Krzak- Thank you and Good Luck to Neil. What is the status of sidewalk work? Do we have an update on street condition assessment?

Mayor Busch- DPW Superintendent was asked to be at the meeting tonight and he nor any other employee from DPW is present. That is going to end tonight. A representative from DPW will be at the next meeting or there will be consequences.

22-137 **P** Motion by Hackett, seconded by Kendzierski to adjourn @ 8:52 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 12th day of September 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*