

**CITY OF YALE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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

22-138 P Motion by Krzak, seconded by Hazel to approve the agenda as presented .
PASSED

Public Comments on agenda items -

Ashley Aldea, 3 Spring St- Spoke in favor of hiring John Osborn on the basis of having someone in the office full time and raising morale among city employees.

Perry Sutherland, 330 Lincoln St- As has already been stated, two days a week is not enough time for a city manager to do what needs to be done. Since John Osborn retired, not a single employee feels safe and now Council has two different unions to deal with as a result.

Ian Kempf, 1510 Mitchell Lake Rd- Worked as Yale's Interim City Manager for three months and learned a lot. The 20 hours a week he worked was not enough to get everything done. Also, John Osborn was very forthcoming with Mr. Kempf about issues that needed to be dealt with after his retirement.

Linda Cronin, 118 E. Mechanic St- Worked with John Osborn for about 20 years and believes he should be your choice tonight.

Melanie Dunsmore, 402 Park Ave- As a resident and tax payer of Yale, she is very concerned that no matter what the wage is, that council would even consider only having a city manager for 20 hours a week. Council needs to consider the amount of experience that John has.

Police Chief Warren Head- With all of his knowledge and experience, it would behoove the City to bring John Osborn back as Interim City Manager.

22-139 P Motion by Hazel, seconded by Krzak to approve the appointment of John Osborn as Interim City Manager for a flat rate of \$1900.00 per week. *Roll call vote, Ayes: Hackett, Hazel, Kendzierski, Krosnicki, Meharg, and Krzak,. Nays: none.* **PASSED**

Public Comments in general -

Shelley O'Brien, 119 S Main St- In regard to Council member Krosnicki stating in the past that she resents the implication that Council engages in cronyism, Ms. O'Brien confirmed that the term is something to be resented. However, during Mrs. Krosnicki's time on council, she has been thorough, diligent and honest. So, that term was not directed at Mrs. Krosnicki.

Perry Sutherland, 330 Lincoln St- Believes the term cronyism IS appropriate to use in describing the city council. Furthermore, the past issue is not just between Mr. Sutherland and the Mayor. None of the council did their due diligence in researching or communicating about the Clark Street properties.

Tami Katchuba, Oatman Rd- Hasn't heard from anyone on council about the Oatman Road property being put up for sale. Would like an update.

Jason Hart, Kilburn Rd- Inquired as to why council would only look at the top 4 or 5 candidates. If they are truly searching for the best and most qualified individual, why wouldn't you look at as many candidates as possible to find the very best candidate.

Linda Cronin, 118 E Mechanic St- John Osborn would be very helpful in choosing the best candidate for a permanent city manager, will he be involved in the process?

Final Council Comments-

Krzak- Big thanks to all in attendance and those who spoke tonight. It's very important for council to hear from the residents of the city. Very happy to see full council chambers.

22-137 P Motion by Kendzierski, seconded by Krzak to adjourn @ 7:09 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 26th 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