

**MINUTES
YALE CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
213 N. MAIN STREET, YALE, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

OPENING PRAYER

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 8, 2020 by Mayor Clara Welch.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mike Strader, Jason Brown, Brian Porter, Jr., Clara Welch and Jessica Foutch.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Jason Brown made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch. Nay: None.
 - a. **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. **Regular Meeting – August 11, 2020**
 - b. **Approval of Claims**
 - c. **Financial Statements**
4. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA** – None
5. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – Martin Foutch asked if discussion of utility rates would be allowed on the next agenda.
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on Resolution No. 06-2020 “A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FUNDING PURSUANT TO THE CARES ACT AND THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, CONFIRMING THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF YALE THAT ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL COSTS ARE “SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED” TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS OF THE CITY OF YALE THROUGHOUT THE ONGOING STATE OF EMERGENCY”** – Mrs. Couch explained the federal payroll presumption and the purpose of the resolution in reference to the CARES Act. Mike Strader made the motion to approve Resolution No. 06-2020, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
7. **GENERAL ORDERS**
 - a. **Consideration, discussion and action on the property located at 102 S. Main Street.** – Chief Kelly reported that good progress is being made. Larry Brown stated the plans from the engineer should be going to the Fire Marshall soon and they hope to have the building in place by the winter. Mr. Porter stated his main concern is the large hole in the ground, Mr. Brown commented that the hole is three-quarters of the way full and Mr. Dershem stated there is also a fence around the property. Mike Strader made the motion to table the item to the December 8, 2020 meeting, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
 - b. **Consideration, discussion and action on possible renovations and remodeling of City Hall including the Fire and Police Department areas.** – Mr. Kelly stated that there is a very preliminary plan but to move forward we would need an engineered plan. Mrs. Welch stated that she would like to see input from staff and the community on the use of the space. Mr. Kelly stated he would like to see the commission room expanded for court. The fire department is still using their office space in the bay. Mr. Kelly also stated that a main issue at this point is the roof. Mrs. Welch suggested coming back with a proposal and cost. Mr. Porter stated he would not vote to approve anything until the gas system issues were over. Mrs. Welch stated she did not want to see the space go to waste, Mr. Brown and Mr. Strader both stated they would like to see opinions from staff and the community. Mrs. Foutch stated that she didn't see any money being spent without better input from citizens and staff. No action was taken on this item.

- c. Consideration, discussion and action to approve a contract with Blue Mark Energy for the purchase of natural gas.** – Mr. McMillian requested this item to be tabled. Jason Brown made the motion to table the item subject to call, Brian Porter, Jr. seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
- d. Consideration, discussion and action to consider employment of a land acquisition agent.** – Mr. Kelly stated this is in relation to trying to gain right of ways. A land acquisition agent would be pretty expensive as opposed to hiring a local realtor to go door to door. Craig Browlee stated he hoped that it wouldn't be terribly difficult because the land that we're proposing to lay in already has some pipe in it. The land along Norfolk is already encumbered so we're hoping someone local that has local relationships can talk to the residents. This land already has utility easements and we'd like to lay pipe in that. The easements Keystone has are not exclusive easements, we'll be able to overlay those. Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to authorize staff to select and employee a land acquisition agent, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.
- e. Consideration and discussion on recodification of the Yale City Code.** – Mr. McMillian explained that the code has to be recodified or adopted every 10 years and this needs to be completed by the December meeting. Mr. McMillian suggested to review the code book in its entirety at the October meeting to allow staff time to review it and then it can be approved at the November meeting. No action was taken on this item.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT** – Brian Porter, Jr. made the motion to adjourn, Jason Brown seconded the motion which passed as follows: Yea: Foutch, Strader, Brown, Porter, Welch Nay: None.

The regular meeting of the Yale City Commission was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Signed: _____
Deanna Couch, City Clerk

Signed: _____
Clara Welch, Mayor

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 4:30 P.M. AT YALE CITY HALL.