

Minutes



Yukon City Council Minutes June 17, 2008

The Yukon City Council met in regular session on June 17, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth Street, Yukon, Oklahoma..

Scott Kinney, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The flag salute was given in unison.

ROLL CALL: (Present) Ward Larson, Mayor
 Bob Bradway, Vice Mayor
 Earline Smaistrila, Council Member
 John Tipps, Council Member
 Dewayne Maxey, Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Crosby, City Manager
Pat Hargis, City Clerk
Mike Segler, City Attorney
Robbie Williams, City Engineer
Tammy Kretchmar, City Manager's Office
Doug Shivers, Personnel Director
Mitchell Hort, Community Development Director
Matt Maley, Public Works Department
Jeff Lara, Fire Chief
John Corn, Assistant Police Chief
Gary Cooper, IT Director
Frosty Peak, Emergency Management Director

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Presentations and Proclamations

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Visitors

Jenny Swartz, 333 East Platt Drive, stated she wanted to make a statement regarding the proposed motel tax. Mrs. Swartz said she did not think the people who make the motels on Main Street their homes should be taxed this additional money. She said most of these people don't have extra money to spend.

Mayor Larson reminded her that if someone stays 30 days or longer, they are not required to pay the room tax.

Mrs. Swartz replied that some aren't there a full 30 days, for various reasons, but they normally are not the tourists you have in mind that are to be paying this tax. Mrs. Swartz stated she felt anyone staying in these motels as a living arrangement should be exempt from the tax.

Judy Chancellor, Kingston Drive, stated she would like to know what is meant by "30 days straight." She said she has been approached by people who said they agree with her stance, as was outlined in her recent letter to the editor. Ms. Chancellor gave a copy of the letter she had written to the Mayor and asked that it be included in the minutes of this meeting. Ms. Chancellor asked that we not tax the poor and to please grandfather the motels on Main Street so these people will not be taxed.

The letter from Ms. Chancellor is as follows:

To the Editor:

I applaud Yukon's Chamber of Commerce for wanting to show off our festival town, via tourist dollars from Yukon's motels. But I am praying the leaders of this motel tax will "grandfather" in all the old motel rooms in Yukon where Yukon's disadvantaged rent to live.

It would be very humane to exempt (grandfather) ALL these old motel rooms ... no matter if they rent for one, three, 14, or 30 days. Exempt all motels on Main Street, Yukon, Route 66 to the old motel at Mustang Road and I-40.

Move forward and tourist tax the Hampton Inn, on Garth Brooks Blvd (where our out-of-town guests stay), to the new ones going up in town. But please do not tax the less fortunate in Yukon's old motel rooms; it would be like raising their rent \$30 or so a month. That's like \$3,000 to them.

When they cannot pay for their rooms as some work seasonal jobs and sometimes it will rain for days on end and the motel owners show no mercy...then they have to leave the motel where many will end up sleeping in friends' homes and sheds, or unrented houses and apartments. Some have been known to live under tents around town.

And when it stops raining and they are back to work, then they move back into these old motel rooms. It's a vicious cycle and one that will rip your heart out. We cannot as a family town, raise the rent on our most poorest of poor.

So please, let's be clear that

Yukon's poor are protected from this tax and begin using the word "grandfather" when lobbying for Yukon's new motel tax.

Who knows? With all this kindness, it just might open the door that old shelter in town with all remodeled rooms ... that were reserved for Hurricane Katrina Rita victims. For the past couple years, it's been vacant while no one of Yukon's poor was ever allowed to sleep in it. What a shame.

I'll vote yes for taxing the Hampton Inn along with the new motels going up in town...and I will vote no if a room is taxed in any of those motels that serve Yukon's poor.

Let's continue to be a fun, festival party town and buy a tour bus with our tourist tax money and I'll even drive it to take tourists around town.

I've always loved showing off Yukon ... from Yukon's post office's La Run mural to the cemetery where Garth's beloved mother is buried which I call Yukon's "National Cemetery Monument", to the benches on our Main Street sidewalks.

Judy Chancellor

Yukon

(Yukon Review, May 28, 2008, Letter to the Editor)

Coequella Riggs, 5th and Maple, advised the Council she had been a housekeeper at the Green Carpet Inn for two years and most of the people living there were "seasonal" workers and could not afford to pay the additional tax. Ms. Riggs said she was against the tax.

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(Recess as Yukon City Council and Reconvene as Yukon Municipal Authority)

1A. YMA Consent Docket

This item is placed on the agenda so the Yukon Municipal Authority, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine items they wish to be approved by one motion. If an item does not meet with the approval of all Authority Members, that item will be heard in regular order.

The City Manager recommends a motion to approve:

- A) The minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2008
- B) Payment of claims in the amount of \$421,144.24

The motion to approve the YMA Consent Docket, consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2008, and payment of salary and material claims in the amount of \$421,144.24 was made by Vice Chair Bradway, with Trustee Maxey seconding the motion.

The vote:

AYES: Maxey, Bradway, Smaistrla, Tipps, Larson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

(Adjourn as YMA and Reconvene as Yukon City Council)

1. Consent Docket

This item is placed on the agenda so the City Council, by unanimous consent, can designate those routine items they wish to be approved by one motion. If an item does not meet with the approval of all Council Members, that item will be heard in regular order.

The City Manager recommends a motion that will approve:

- A) The minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2008
- B) Payment of salary and material claims in the amount of \$420,837.50
- C) Accepting the annual financial report for June 30, 2007
- D) Setting the date for the next regular Council meeting for Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth Street

Council Member Tipps moved the approval of the Consent Docket, consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2008; payment of salary and material claims in the amount of \$420,837.50; accepting the annual financial report for June 30, 2007; and setting the date for the next regular Council meeting for Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth Street. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Maxey.

The vote:

AYES: Smaistrla, Larson, Maxey, Tipps Bradway

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Report of Boards, Commissions and City Officials

3. Consider approving a final plat for Garth Brooks Commercial Park Phase II, as recommended by the Planning Commission (west of high school)

The motion to approve the final plat for the Garth Brooks Commercial Park Phase II, as recommended by the Planning Commission, was made by Council Member Tipps. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Smaistrla.

The vote:

AYES: Bradway, Smaistrla, Tipps, Larson, Maxey

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

4. Consider approving an application from Jeff Lewieske/Coffey for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a modular building with drive-up windows/lanes for a proposed credit union (west of high school)

Council Member Maxey made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tipps, to approve an application from Jeff Lewieske/Coffey for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a modular building with drive-up windows/lanes for a proposed credit union.

The vote:

AYES: Tipps, Bradway, Larson, Maxey, Smaistrla

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter requesting an extension of the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection contract for the fiscal year 2009

The motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter requesting an extension of the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection contract for the fiscal year 2009 was made by Council Member Tipps, with Council Member Maxey seconding.

The vote:

AYES: Larson, Tipps, Smaistrla, Maxey, Bradway

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Consider entering into an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Piedmont for use of the City of Yukon's jail facility

The motion to enter into an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Piedmont for use of the City of Yukon's jail facility was made by Council Member Smaistrla. The second was made by Council Member Maxey.

The vote:

AYES: Maxey, Tipps, Bradway, Smaistrla, Larson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Consider entering into an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Piedmont for the City of Yukon to provide after hours dispatch for the City of Piedmont

Council Member Tipps moved, with Council Member Maxey seconding, the approval of entering into an Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Piedmont for the City of Yukon to provide after hours dispatch for the City of Piedmont.

The vote:

AYES: Smaistrla, Tipps, Larson, Bradway, Maxey

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

8. Consider entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Mustang to allow Mustang to use Yukon's firearms range for law enforcement firearms training

The motion to approve entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Mustang to allow Mustang to use Yukon's firearms range for law enforcement firearms training was made by Vice Mayor Bradway and seconded by Council Member Tipps.

The vote:

AYES: Bradway, Maxey, Smaistrla, Larson, Tipps

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

9. Consider entering into a School Resource Officer contract with the Yukon Public School District

Council Member Tipps moved to approve entering into a School Resource Officer contract with the Yukon Public School District. Council Member Smaistrla seconded the motion.

The vote:

AYES: Tipps, Smaistrla, Bradway, Larson, Maxey

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

10. Consider approving and adopting Resolution No. 2008-08, a resolution withdrawing commitment of capital improvement matching funds for the 2005-06 Transportation Enhancement Program Grant by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the construction of new sidewalks along the north and south sides of Main Street, between 4th Street and 6th Street

Resolution No. 2008-08, a resolution withdrawing commitment of capital improvement matching funds for the 2005-06 Transportation Enhancement Program Grant by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for the construction of new sidewalks along the north and south sides of Main Street, between 4th Street and 6th Street, was approved upon a motion made by Vice Mayor Bradway and seconded by Council Member Tipps.

The vote:

AYES: Larson, Maxey, Bradway, Tipps, Smaistrla

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

11. Consider entering into a Statement of Work agreement with Comport Network Services and Solutions to provide an IT solution to implement technology to meet the existing needs (amount not to exceed \$30,000.00)

Council Member Maxey made a motion to enter into a Statement of Work agreement with Comport Network Services and Solutions to provide an IT solution to implement technology to meet the existing needs (amount not to exceed \$30,000.00). The second to the motion was made by Council Member Tipps.

The vote:

AYES: Smaistrla, Bradway, Tipps, Maxey, Larson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

12. Consider entering into a Managed Solutions Agreement with Comport Network Services and Solutions to provide continuous remote and on-site IT support

The motion to approve entering into a Managed Solutions Agreement with Comport Network Services and Solutions to provide continuous remote and on-site IT support was made by Council Member Smaistrla. Council Member Tipps seconded the motion for approval.

The vote:

AYES: Smaistrla, Bradway, Tipps, Maxey, Larson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

13. Consider a public hearing to determine whether the following properties should be declared detrimental to the health, benefit and welfare of the public and community and direct staff to take appropriate action to abate same

LOCATION	OWNER	VIOLATION
353 Chickasaw	Rundel/Citimortgage, Inc.	Trash, Grass, Weeds
509 Spruce Drive	Dawson	Trash, Grass, Weeds
414 Yukon Avenue	David Trust/Exum	Trash, Grass, Weeds
4508 Osburn Lane	Watkins/Watkins	Trash, Grass, Weeds

Mitch Hort, Community Development Director, advised the only property remaining to be addressed was 353 Chickasaw. He presented pictures of the property to Council. After their review, Vice Mayor Bradway made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tipps, to declare the property as detrimental to the health, benefit and welfare of the public and community and directed staff to take appropriate action to abate same.

The vote:
AYES: Tipps, Larson, Bradway, Smaistrila, Maxey
NAYS: None
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

14. Consider approving Resolution No. 2008-09, budget adjustments for FY 2008

A motion was made by Council Member Maxey to approve Resolution No. 2008-09, budget adjustments for FY 2008. The second to the motion was made by Council Member Tipps.

The vote:
AYES: Bradway, Maxey, Smaistrila, Larson, Tipps
NAYS: None
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION CARRIED

15. New Business

16. Council Discussion

Vice Mayor Bradway stated that we need the rain to stop so that our capital improve-ment projects can be completed.

Council Member Smaistrila reminded everyone that the Freedom Fest was coming up on July 3rd and 4th and there will a lot of free family activities.

City Manager Jim Crosby stated the Tribute to the Veterans will be July 3rd and there will also be fireworks at dusk.

17. Adjournment

 Ward Larson, Mayor

 Patricia G. Hargis, City Clerk