

Minutes



Minutes of December 3, 1959

The City Council of the City of Yukon, Canadian County, State of Oklahoma, met in adjourned session called by the Mayor in the Council Room of the City Hall of said City of Yukon, Oklahoma, on the 3rd day of December, 1959, at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Councilmen 'Frank, Greene, Seikel, Turner, and Mayor Belisle.

ABSENT: None.

Because the meeting was an adjourned session, the Council, by unanimous agreement, waived all right of notice.

Mayor Belisle introduced visitors representing Yukon Electric Company and Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, and asked if Mr. Herbert L. Branan, Attorney and Vice-President for Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, would like to address the Council. ~r. Branan spoke briefly on what plans his company was making to provide the City of Yukon with more and better electrical service. In the course of his discussion, Mr. Branan indicated that under O.G. & E. rates, enough free service would be provided to the City that the existing cost of electricity to the City would remain approximately the same. He also stated that O.G' & E. desired to purchase the site Way System presently owned by the City at a price of approximately \$5000 to \$8000. In addition he indicated that the overall cost or electric service to the citizens of Yukon would decrease by about \$700 if O. G. & E. acquired the existing system. Representatives of the two companies then left the meeting temporarily. Mayor Belisle read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 202

Whereas, the existing electrical power service, furnished by the Yukon Electric Company under a franchise granted it by a vote of the residents of this City, is of inferior quality, high in cost, and does not adequately meet the needs of an expanding and progressive City; and,

Whereas, the City of Yukon can operate a municipal electrical distribution 'system, tailored to meet the needs of the community growth, at a lesser cost, with greater efficiency; and,

Whereas, the revenue from rates charged electric consumers over and above the cost of operation and payment of debt service will offer the City of Yukon, together with the income from its water works system, a method of improving and paying for other municipal services for its citizens, thus minimizing the need for ad valorem tax assessment and collection;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved, by the City of Yukon and its Council, that:

1. It is necessary to the present and future welfare, health and safety of the City of Yukon and its citizens to own its own electrical distribution system, serving the citizens and industries of the City.

3. All possible legal and other steps should be immediately taken to terminate and halt the sale and/or transfer of the electrical distribution system belonging to the Yukon Electric Company, except to the city of Yukon.

3. Attorneys should be employed to block all attempts of Yukon Electric Company to transfer its distribution system to other persons or corporations, and the employment of attorneys is hereby authorized.

4. The Mayor and other officers, together with the attorneys employed, are directed to immediately contact the Yukon Electric Company, notify said Company of the decision of the City of Yukon, and request a conference with the officials of the Electric Company for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of its electrical distribution system by the City of Yukon.

5. Engineers should be employed to advise the City the value of the electrical distribution system owned by the Yukon Electric Company, and to further furnish advice as to the price the City of Yukon can afford to pay in view of the possible income from the distribution system after its acquisition, and employment of engineers is now authorized.

8. The Mayor and the other officials of the Council, the attorneys and the engineers are authorized to take any and all legal and other steps and procedures required to acquire the electrical distribution system of the Yukon Electric Company, by purchase or by the institution of condemnation proceedings in the appropriate courts, or any other legal means.