

## Yukon City Council Minutes September 18, 2012

The Yukon City Council met in regular session September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth Street, Yukon, Oklahoma.

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Reynolds of First Church of the Nazarene. The flag salute was given in unison.

ROLL CALL: (Present)     John Alberts, Mayor  
                                   Ken Smith, Vice-Mayor  
                                   Michael McEachern, Council Member  
                                   Nick Grba, Council Member  
                                   Rick Opitz, Council Member

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Segler, City Attorney	Doug Shivers, City Clerk
Tammy Kretchmar DeSpain, Asst. City Mgr	Dana Deckard , Administrative Coordinator
John Corn, Chief of Police	Robbie Williams, City Engineer
Arnold Adams, Public Works Director	Gary Cooper, Information Technology Dir.
Josh Gotcher, Information Technology	Jerome Brown, Information Technology
Bill Stover, Sanitation	Sara Schieman, Librarian
Mitch Hort, Community Development Director	Jeff Deckard, Parks Superintendent

### Presentations and Proclamations

Mayor Alberts read a Proclamation acknowledging "Olivia Crawford Day" and presented it to Olivia and her mother. He spoke briefly with Olivia, gave the story of what happened, and then read the proclamation.

### Visitors

Ward Larson of 2520 W. Olympic Dr talked about the feral cat article in the Yukon Review. He was concerned about the feral cat colonies and the care of them. He asked how they were to be contained and who will be paying for the feeding. He was also concerned about Pets and People accepting animals from outside of Yukon and the cost the city would have to cover. He also felt accepting responsibility for the feral cat colonies could pose health concerns. Mr. Larson stated other areas have had feral cat programs that were unsuccessful. He also stated he has noticed the absence of song birds due to the feral cats. He feels the cats are being protected and sometimes the right decision is a tough decision. Mayor Alberts thanked him for his concerns and encouraged him to talk to Council Member McEachern after the meeting.

Mayor Alberts asked for any more visitors to come forward. Regina Lagaly did not approach, but mentioned a proclamation. Mayor Alberts asked her to talk to him after the meeting.

(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 September 4, 2012**
- B) **Payment of material claims in the amount of \$166.62**

The motion to approve the YMA Consent Docket, consisting of the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting September 4, 2012, and payment of material claims in the amount of \$166.62 was made by Trustee Opitz and seconded by Trustee Smith.

**The vote:**

**AYES: Grba, Smith, Alberts, Opitz, McEachern**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2A. Consider approving Ordinance No. 1278, an Ordinance which provides amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Yukon, Oklahoma by amending Section 98-11 by providing for future increases in fees for residential removal and disposition of solid waste; and declaring an emergency.**
- 2B. Consider approving the Emergency Clause of Ordinance No. 1278.**
- 3A. Consider approving Ordinance No. 1279, an Ordinance which provides amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Yukon, Oklahoma by amending Section 114-35 by providing future increase in fees for use and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system; and declaring an emergency.**
- 3B. Consider approving the Emergency Clause of Ordinance No. 1279.**
- 4A. Consider approving Ordinance No. 1280, an Ordinance which provides amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Yukon, Oklahoma by amending Section 114-34 by providing for future increases in fees for water service; and declaring an emergency.**
- 4B. Consider approving the Emergency Clause of Ordinance No. 1280.**

Mike Segler pulled Items 2A thru 4B. These items need to be considered by the City Council and not the Yukon Municipal Authority. He will also be correcting the Ordinances to have the date of the rate increase occur with the water bill cycle. These items will appear on the next agenda.

(Adjourn as YMA and Reconvene as Yukon City Council)

## **1. Consent Docket**

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**The City Manager recommends a motion that will approve:**

- A) The minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2012**
- B) Payment of material claims in the amount of \$346,714.75**
- C) Approving the appointment of Marion Guy to Office #6 of the Spanish Cove Housing Authority, as recommended by the Board of Trustees**
- D) Designating the items on the attached list from the Technology Department as surplus, and authorizing their sale, donation, or trade**
- E) Setting the date for the next regular Council meeting for October 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 S. Fifth St.**

The motion to approve the Consent Docket, withholding Item C for further discussion, consisting of the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2012; Payment of material claims in the amount of \$346,714.75; Designating the items on the attached list from the Technology Department as surplus, and authorizing their sale, donation, or trade; Setting the date for the next regular Council meeting for October 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 S. Fifth St.; was made by Council Member Grba and seconded by Council Member Opitz.

**The vote:**

**AYES: Alberts, McEachern, Opitz, Smith, Grba**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1C. Approving the appointment of Marion Guy to Office #6 of the Spanish Cove Housing Authority, as recommended by the Board of Trustees**

The motion to approve the appointment of Marion Guy to Office #6 of the Spanish Cove Housing Authority, as recommended by the Board of Trustees; was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member McEachern. Mr. Smith asked to hear opinions on the appointment.

Dolores Priveti, a resident of Spanish Cove for 9 years, approves of this appointment. She believes Marion Guy is trustworthy, conservative, and interested in the welfare of the Spanish Cove residents.

Mayor Alberts was part of the interviewing panel. He stated they had three excellent and talented candidates for the position. He thanked the Spanish Cove residents for wanting to be involved in the city.

**The vote:**

**AYES: McEachern, Smith, Grba, Opitz, Alberts**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. **Report of Boards, Commissions and City Officials** There was no report.
  
3. **Consider approving Resolution No. 2012-09, a Resolution declaring all public areas within the City of Yukon owned, operated, or controlled by the City of Yukon to be tobacco-free; requesting that all employees, agents, and officials of the City of Yukon and that all visitors and patrons of the City of Yukon refrain from using tobacco products in all areas within the City of Yukon owned, operated, or controlled by the City of Yukon; directing the City Manager to develop signage to notify visitors and patrons of the Tobacco-Free Policy, to seek input from citizens of the City of Yukon regarding the design of such signage; and providing that the City Manager, in coordination with community partners, shall implement a public-awareness campaign to inform the public of this policy.**

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Council Member Smith thinks this is a fantastic idea and is happy to be voting on this resolution.

Council Member Opitz thinks this will be great and make for a healthier community.

Mayor Alberts stated health is important and that this is a great step forward.

**The vote:**

**AYES: Smith, Opitz, Grba, McEachern, Alberts**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: 5-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Prior to reading Item 4, Council Member Opitz was asked to leave by Mayor Alberts. Mr. Opitz is the owner of the property for Five Star Storage and could not participate in the discussion or voting of this item.

**4. Consider approving a Conditional Use Permit for Five Star Storage, 1777 W. Vandament, as recommended by the Planning Commission.**

The motion to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Five Star Storage, 1777 W. Vandament, as recommended by the Planning Commission, was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member McEachern.

**The vote:**

**AYES: McEachern, Alberts, Smith, Grba**

**NAYS: None**

**VOTE: 4-0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council Member Opitz rejoined the meeting.

**5. Consider a motion to approve an expenditure of funds, for a branding agreement with North Star Destination Strategies Inc., in the amount of \$72,000 and outside costs not to exceed \$5,000, from the Hotel/Motel Tax, contingent upon approval by the City Attorney.**

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Council Member Smith stated we need to bring in retail, manufacturing, and other businesses to benefit our taxpayers. We have already done a lot of things to market our community. If, we gave more money and materials to the Assistant City Manager, she could continue marketing the community. Dollars have already been spent to provide the same information we would be receiving.

Council Member Opitz said he has been a business man for many years and believes branding is very important.

Council Member McEachern recognizes branding can be beneficial, but doesn't believe now is the right time.

Council Member Grba stated he initially had reservations. But, he believes it is a good way to invest our money. Yukon needs to pinpoint differences and desirability as a community in order to bring in the right type of businesses and people. It is a gamble, but he thinks it will pay off, especially downtown.

Mayor Alberts agrees with Council Member Grba. He thinks there will be opportunities in Yukon over the next five to ten years for growth. We need to be marketing to be known. He wants outsiders to view us as a place to shop and visit.

Don McEachern, representative of North Star Destination Strategies, Inc., stated he had 12 years experience helping small communities compete. Passionate people create jobs. This program brings these people together.

Mayor Alberts asked for questions. There were none at this time.

Council Member Smith said we just spent \$65,000 with Oklahoma University for the main street marketing. He emphasized the North Star program does not provide marketing services, just information. He believes this is overlapping information and the money could be spent differently.

Council Member Opitz said it only takes one medium or large business to pay for this program. By using this branding, he believes we will get more business.

**The vote:**

**AYES: Opitz, Grba, Alberts**

**NAYS: McEachern, Smith**

**VOTE: 3-2**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. City Manager's Report – Information items only**

**A. Sales Tax Report**

**B. Events Report**

City Manager Bottom stated the Sales Tax for July sales was up 8.39% and up 7.65% year to date. The Use Tax is up 55.27%, which brings our annual year to date up 53.86%. The west side of the metro trend is good news and he is anticipating more good news.

The first Saturday in October is Czech Day. We host approximately 25,000 to 45,000 people. It is not a City of Yukon sponsored event, but we do partner and support this event to make it successful.

We also had the grand opening of the fire department. There were 300 people on Friday and 500 people on Saturday. It was a great day. And since last Saturday, there have been 500 more visitors. This was a great event with rave reviews.

National night out had an attendance of 382 people. Mr. Bottom thanked Chief Corn and his staff for the job well done.

Mr. Bottom stated we would be moving into another season of festivals with an increase in people. The new way to view the park is people renting limousines, party buses and helicopters. It is hard to count these people, but there could be over 150,000 people. It is a big event and our staff does a wonderful job.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast has had trouble finding an appropriate speaker. It is being postponed until spring. Mayor Alberts stated we will discuss this with the other council members at the next meeting.

**7. New Business** None at this time.

**8. Council Discussion**

Council Member McEachern is excited about Czech Day. It is nice to hear good comments about Christmas in the Park. He knows Oklahoma City people who come to Yukon instead of Chickasha. He encouraged all to visit the fire station. Yukon is a great place to be.

Council Member Grba stated he is proud of the Yukon Fire Department. They participated in the 911 Memorial stair climb. The fireman were in full gear and climbed the equivalent of 110 stories. This was representative of the World Trade Center. Yukon had the most participants from this area. We have a great group of men. Furthermore, Council Member Grba spoke about Habitat for Humanity. They are building five homes in Wagner Lake Estates. They are needing 35-40 volunteers starting Saturday, November 3. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rick Lorg at 232-4828.

Council Member Smith was pleased to hear the lights are a week ahead of schedule. We are becoming more efficient. The sales tax is good news and we can only hope it maintains the

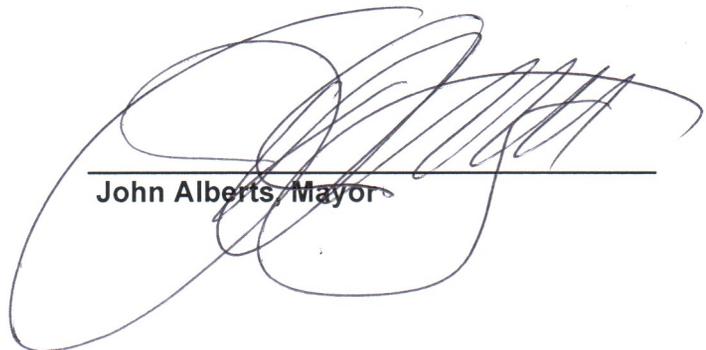
increase. He also wanted to talk about water bill inaccuracies. If you feel your water bill is inaccurate, call the city and have a leak check done. Council Member Smith thanked Ward Larson for the good points on feral cat issue. Lastly, he had a phone call from a citizen. The citizen was questioning why sidewalks are not located in some parts of our city?

Council Member Opitz stated Yukon is a marvelous city, and asked to keep the tax revenues coming and shop Yukon!

Mayor Alberts is excited about the opportunity with North Star. He is concerned with stop signs and red light accidents. He is requesting statistics of the accidents and will hope to make the public more aware. Mayor Alberts agrees with Council Member Opitz, Yukon is a marvelous city. He shared a story about Mayor Laguardia and sharing the wealth with others. Please, share the wealth with your neighbor or someone in need. Holidays are near and the Manna Pantry needs help.

9. Adjournment

  
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Doug Shivers, City Clerk

  
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John Alberts, Mayor

