

Minutes



City Council - Municipal Authority Agendas July 18, 2000

The Yukon City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth, on July 18, 2000, at 7:30 PM.

Invocation was given by Reverend Damon Isaacs, Yukon Assembly of God Church.

Flag salute was given in unison.

Roll Call: Steve Friesen, Mayor
Genie Vinson, Vice Mayor
John Weller, Council Member
Tim Rundel, Council Member
Ron Jurgensen, Council Member

Others Present:

Jim Crosby, City Manager
Pat Hargis, City Clerk
Mike Segler, City Attorney
Robbie Williams, City Engineer
Tammy Nemecek, Administrative Assistant
David Chesher, Personnel/Safety Director
Mitch Hort, Community Development Director
J.R. Reed, Interim Public Works Director
Jeff Deckard, Utility Maintenance Manager
Jan Scott, Park & Recreation Director
Ike Shirley, Police Chief
Russell Still, PSG
John Knuppel, Historical Committee

Presentations and Proclamations

Visitors

M. E. Brewton appeared before the Council and stated he wanted to discuss cleaning up Yukon. He stated there are many homes with RVS, boats, old cars, etc. parked beside them and he thinks the citizens should have more pride in their homes and hometown than to have these unsightly items at their homes. He stated there are mainly commercial vehicles parked in the drive or on the streets in the evenings and weekends, and you sure can't sell a house with these all around it. He stated for Yukon to be an outstanding city in Oklahoma, we need to get this under control now, and only the City Council can do anything about this, with new laws, etc.

Mayor Friesen asked Mr. Brewton to call him to discuss these areas. Mayor Friesen advised Mr. Brewton he appreciated him taking the time to come to the meeting.

Ed Jezioro, Soccer Club and Park Board member, stated he visited Mr. Rundel's web site and he is glad that Mr. Rundel has made this available to Yukon citizens as a way to voice their opinions.

(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 one item does not meet with the approval of all Authority Members, that item will be heard in regular order:

The City Manager recommends:

- A) Approval of minutes of regular meeting of July 6, 2000
- B) Consider approval of 1999 Construction Fund claims in the total amount of \$12,391.62

A motion was made by Trustee Weller, seconded by Trustee Rundel, to approve the YMA consent docket as presented.

The vote:

AYES: Rundel, Vinson, Jurgensen, Weller, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

(Recess as YMA and Reconvene as Yukon City Council)

1. Consent Docket

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The City Manager recommends approval of:

- A) Minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2000
- B) Salary and material claims
- C) Entering into contract with Salvation Army, a Georgia Corporation, for use of the Dale Robertson Center
- D) Resolution No. 2000-7, establishing the Nine-One-One rat for calendar year 2001
- E) Resolution No. 2000-8, budget adjustment for FY 99-00
- F) Setting date for next regular meeting for August 1, 2000, 7:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Centennial Building, 12 South Fifth

Council Member Rundel made a motion to approve the consent docket as show

above. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Vinson.

The vote:

AYES: Weller, Friesen, Jurgensen, Rundel, Vinson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

2. Report of Boards, Commissions and City Officials

City Manager Crosby stated the transfer station has had to be closed until August 1 due to losing 1/3 of our staff and two trucks being down. Mr. Crosby stated that Oklahoma Environment Management Authority has agreed to help us out by allowing free trash dumping from now until August 1. A valid driver's license and water bill will be necessary to prove that you are a Yukon resident.

3. A) consider approving Ordinance No. 1060, amending the code of ordinances of the City of Yukon by amending §2-227(a) by providing requirements for acquisitions from sole sources or sole brands, and declaring an emergency

Vice Mayor Vinson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Weller, to approve Ordinance No. 1060, amending the code of ordinances of the City of Yukon by amending §2-227(a) by providing requirements for acquisitions from sole sources or sole brands.

Council Member Jurgensen asked if this follows the state statute.

Mr. Segler stated it is as close as we can come.

Council Member Jurgensen asked if there are clear penalties.

Mr. Segler stated yes, more so than the state statute. He stated state statutes say that an employee accused of wrong-doing can not work for a state agency again for five years, whereas the City's says you can never be re-hired.

The vote on the motion was taken:

AYES: Jurgensen, Vinson, Friesen, Rundel, Weller

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

B) Consider approval of emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1060

Vice Mayor Vinson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Weller, to approve the emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1060.

The vote:

AYES: Vinson, Weller, Jurgensen, Rundel, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

4. A) Consider approving Ordinance No. 1061, amending §18-30 amending BOCA National Building Code to increase certain fees

Council Member Weller made a motion, seconded by Council Member Rundel, to approve Ordinance No. 1061, amending BOCA National Building Code to increase certain fees.

The vote on the motion:

AYES: Friesen, Weller, Vinson, Rundel, Jurgensen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

B) Consider approval of emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1061

The emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1061 was passed on a motion made by Council Member Weller, seconded by Council Member Rundel.

The vote on the motion:

AYES: Weller, Jurgensen, Friesen, Vinson, Rundel

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

5. A) Consider approving Ordinance No. 1062, amending Ordinance No. 657, Appendix A, of the code of the City of Yukon by providing that a part of the SW/4, S29, T12N, R5W, IM, more particularly Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 1, West End Pointe, an addition to the City of Yukon, being 1600 and 1700 blocks of Garth Brooks Boulevard, from C-5 (Automotive and Commercial Recreation District) to C-3 (Restricted Commercial District); and declaring an emergency

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The vote on the motion:

AYES: Rundel, Weller, Vinson, Jurgensen, Friesen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

B) Consider approval of emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1062

Council Member Weller made a motion to approve the emergency clause to Ordinance No. 1062. Vice Mayor Vinson seconded the motion.

The vote:

AYES: Jurgensen, Weller, Rundel, Friesen, Vinson

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

6. Consider 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
520 Poplar	Copeland	Trash, Grass, Weeds
1053 Mabel Fry	International Oilfield Equip.	Trash, Grass, Weeds
709 S. Cornwell	Willoughby	Swimming Pool

Mayor Friesen stated the only location left for consideration is 520 Poplar. Community Development Director Mitch Hort presented pictures of the location for Council’s inspection. Mr. Hort asked that the homeowners be given until Monday, July 24th to come into compliance, and if they do not by that time, to declare this a nuisance and abate the property.

Motion was made by Council Member Weller, seconded by Vice Mayor Vinson, to declare 520 Poplar as being detrimental to the health, benefit and welfare of the public and community and direct staff to take appropriate action to abate same. Additionally, the homeowners will be given until July 24th to come into compliance before the City abates the situation.

The vote:

AYES: Friesen, Rundel, Weller, Vinson, Jurgensen

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

7. Consider approving bid for lease of land known as “Taylor Park,” based upon bids received and opened July 14, 2000, and authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreement for same

Council Member Rundel made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Vinson, to approve the bid from the Yukon Soccer Club in the amount of \$2,500 per year for the lease of the land known as “Taylor Park,” and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreement with them.

Council Member Jurgensen stated if this land is to be developed, even if it was leased to a special group, he thought it should be done in such a way that everyone can use the park; not just that one group. He stated the City was to do a lot of work for drainage in this area before building the ballfields and asked if the group can do this. He asked what would happen if it floods someone’s land. Council Member Jurgensen stated he felt the group leasing this land should be held to the same plans that he city had for the land’s development. He stated he is not for leasing this

property, that the City is not in land management, and he felt we should sell the property and use the money to do need structure, road, etc. repairs.

Mayor Friesen stated he has made his feelings known on this, and he thought it was best to sell the property, but with the sports groups all coming in favor of developing the property, he felt they should be given a chance. He stated we need to do what is best for Yukon.

Council Member Weller stated he had some of the same concerns as Council Member Jurgensen and thought the soccer club should give their feelings regarding the flooding issue and allowing others to use the park.

Mayor Friesen stated he would open the floor up to those in attendance who wanted to speak regarding this issue, but asked that they keep their remarks 3-4 minutes in length, due to the large number of people in attendance.

Eddie Kremeier, 221 East Platt, stated he was a coach and a board member of the soccer club. He stated the soccer club did not want to see them as the only ones using this park land, either. Mr. Kremeier stated he became a coach due to a report that he read stating that 60% of the kids will not get in trouble if they are involved with some sport. He stated he has a list of 500+ names of Yukon kids wanting to play soccer. He stated if the Council sells this land, they will be very limited where they can practice or play. He stated Taylor Park needs to be developed for all kids, all athletic kids. Mr Kremeier stated they will develop a non-profit organization to help with this building endeavor if awarded the lease. He stated this is only to support our youth athletics. He advised that Ciry Attorney Mike Segler has agreed to do legal work pro bono. Mr. Kremeier stated he felt the people did not vote down the development of Taylor Park, but rather the spending of the City's money to do so. Mr. Kremeier stated if the club leases the land, we can all rally and make this happen.

Council member Rundel asked if the majority of the kids using this land live in Yukon. Mr. Kremeier stated that 85% of them do.

Council Member Jurgensen stated he felt this should be done right and asked if the soccer club has the money to do this project right.

Mr. Kremeier stated he was a general contractor for a number of years and understands that they will have to build to the City's codes and they feel they can raise the money to do so.

Jody Garbrecht, 204 Castlerock Road, stated he has been driving to Edmond, Dolese Park, Moore, and Norman to play soccer and other families in town have done the same. Mr. Garbrecht stated there are a number of families in Yukon without the financial resources to do this, but could let their child play sports in town. He stated that we need to develop Taylor Park for our children. He stated there are citizens here who give of their time, effort, and labor to help our children. Mr. Garbrecht stated they are not asking the Council for money or to develop the land, but to allow the sports organizations the opportunity to develop the fields and prove they can do this.

Gene Daub stated he had written a letter to the editor for an idea on how to make

this viable. He stated if a non-profit group is formed, they sell memberships to whomever you can, and this opens up a wealth of opportunities and ways for grants. Mr. Daub stated he would volunteer to be a grant writer, and once this gets going, the Council would be proud to see the community in action.

Council Member Weller asked if this can be set up so that someone can watch over the development and ensure that all sports can use the facilities.

Mr. Daub said this could be done by writing it in the by-laws.

Ted McIlwayne stated he does not feel the city should be in the property management business, and if the sports people want to organize and raise money and buy the land, that would be good; however, he feels they should buy the land and the City not contribute to this. He stated if the land was sold, it would put money in the city coffers. Mr. McIlwayne stated that the buyers should be the ones to develop this land.

Council Member Rundel stated if they make enough money, they could purchase the land later.

Mr. McIlwayne stated this is not a good financial investment.

Council Member Rundel stated \$90,000 is not going to replace a lot of streets or pipes for the city.

Mr. McIlwayne stated "you don't want to go there-" and said the money should be in the city's coffers.

Mr. Kremeier said the \$90,000 would be a quick return when tournaments, etc. come into town.

David Landes, 900 Creekwood, stated he has been involved with the Park and Recreation Department and sports since he moved to Yukon, and he feels that \$90,000 spent on the youth of our town is nothing. Mr. Landes stated if we don't give them a place to play and stay out of trouble, we should be ashamed. Mr. Landes stated the Park Board has done so much to develop the parks to the beautiful condition that we now see, and much has been done by the youth organizations, with their money and little or nothing from the city. Mr. Landes stated that Mustang and Oklahoma City are building new, big fields and our kids will leave to go there if we don't do something for them here. Mr. Landes stated he thinks we should be proud that the City Council had the foresight to purchase this land.

Jim Dahl, 1712 Churchill Road, stated he was not so much against the sports complex, but to the higher taxes. He asked if this land was sold, could low income housing be put in this location.

City Manager Crosby said yes, the land could be used for this.

Mr. Dahl stated as long as city money is not spent, it would be better to have a sports complex than low rent housing in this area.

Vice Mayor Vinson called for the vote.

Council Member Rundel stated his web site received 17 votes for selling the property and 29 for leasing it. He stated a remark made on the site was that it was an embarrassment to the City of Yukon to not have practice and playing fields for a city of this size. Mr. Rundel stated he wanted to say again that the city will not go under if we spend \$90,000.

Council Member Jurgensen stated he wanted to point out that only 41 votes were received on Mr. Rundel's web site.

Arch Tredway, land owner adjacent to the proposed Taylor Park land, stated he was losing his farm due to this, as it would flood his property.

Vice Mayor Vinson again called for the vote.

The vote on the motion:

AYES: Rundel, Friesen, Weller, Vinson

NAYS: Jurgensen

VOTE: 4-1

MOTION CARRIED

8. Consider declaring real property know as "Taylor Park" as surplus and authorizing the advertising of same for sale.

No action was taken.

9. New Business

10. Open Discussion

Council Member Jurgensen stated he wished we could have tabled the Taylor Park question so the sports clubs could come back with a plan. He asked what controls we have, and said that he feels if this is not leased to a corporation, we will lose control.

Council Member Weller stated he shares some of Council Member Jurgensen's concerns regarding losing control, but that the City Manager and City Attorney can make sure that all groups are included with the development of the plans and that we don't lose control. He stated one item that needs to be watched is water coming off of the parking lot.

Council Member Rundel thanked both groups for coming and stated he was happy to see everyone here. He also thanked the Kingsridge Homeowners' Association for asking him to speak to them.

Council Member Rundel said that he belonged to the Yukon's Best Toastmasters Club and asked anyone that was interested to visit them to see if they might want to join.

Vice Mayor Vinson stated she appreciates the people for coming to the council meeting tonight and said this is how your governments works. She stated she also

appreciated Mr. Brewton coming, Jr. Daub for giving his idea for the solution to the Taylor Park problem, and the Soccer Association for coming to try to help the kids. She stated little league is good for our kids.

Mayor Friesen stated he was glad there is interest in this. He advised this issue has caused the most phone calls and letters he has received. Mayor Friesen stated he received an unsigned letter stating that this property should not be leased to the sports people. He said he was told this letter was from the same lady who, by phone, had said if they want the complex, let them develop it.

Mayor Friesen stated the ball fields look great and a lot of work has been done by the sports organizations, and they have done very well.

11. Consider motion to adjourn as City Council and convene into an Executive Session to discuss union negotiations

A motion to adjourn into executive session was made by Council Member Weller; seconded by Vice Mayor Vinson.

The vote:

AYES: Rundel, Vinson, Friesen, Jurgensen, Weller

NAYS: None

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Steve Friesen, Mayor

Pat Hargis, City Clerk