

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2011**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:00pm at City Hall. Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting was not officially called to order.

ECLISSI MOON – JTG & ASSOCIATES

Eclissi Moon, representing JTG & Associates, was present to voice her complaints and concerns regarding several matters on her businesses on the square.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Wilhite called the meeting to order at 7:20pm. Roll call as follows: Randall, Bishop, Stuber, Black, and Reser. Absent: Beecher, Hudlin, and Weber. Also present was City Attorney Constance Peebles, Deputy City Clerk Joni Diver, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Motion was made by Randall, to amend the agenda to move the Recreation Commission appointments to the Parks Committee and add discussion on a geometric improvement grant under the Public Works Committee. Motion was seconded by Reser, and carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Peebles did not have anything to report.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

It was the consensus of the Council to allow the Parks Committee the authority to make the decision on filling the fish feeders.

FILLING FISH FEEDERS

FULLERTON – REC COMM

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to re-appoint Janet Fullerton to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

REYNOLDS – REC COMM

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber to re-appoint Ronnie Reynolds to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

ROCK FOR PLAYGROUND

Black requested the authority to purchase two loads of smooth pea rock for under the playground equipment that is to be installed at South Owl Lake. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber to purchase two loads of smooth pea rock from Harry Byers & Sons, not to exceed \$3560. Motion carried unanimously.

MARDI GRASS MEETING

Black announced a Mardi Grass meeting to be held at City Hall on Thursday, April 14 at 5:30pm.

SAFETY REPORT

Randall presented two bids for the Phase I concrete work at the new dog pound:

DOG POUND BIDS

Superior Building Supply - \$5900.00
TS Construction - \$7500.00

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid from Superior Building Supply for \$5900.00 for the Phase I concrete work. Motion carried, with Black abstaining.

LIGHTS ETC NEW PD CAR

Randall presented a request from Chief Kee to purchase the lights, sirens, etc for the new police car. Kee had requested information from adjoining counties on companies they had used. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber to waive the bid policy on purchasing the lights and sirens. Motion carried unanimously.

BID POLICY WAIVED

PURCHASE FROM KA-COMM

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to purchase lights and sirens for the new police car from Ka-Comm, Inc. not to exceed \$2787.00. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS

Peebles to have the new fire insurance proceeds ordinance ready to adopt at the next meeting.

SEWER LINE CHANGE ORDER

Wilhite presented a change order to the sewer line project that decreases the cost by \$5040.12. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop to authorize Mayor Wilhite to sign the change order. Motion carried unanimously.

KDOT – GEOMETRIC GRANT

Wilhite informed Council the City had received information on a geometric improvement grant available for the fiscal year 2014. It was the consensus of the Council to update the figures on the previous geometric grant and to reapply for work on Highway 75, north of the intersection.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Reser read a thank you note from the Allen County Community College Endowment Association.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOWING

Reser presented three bids for the code enforcement mowing:

Heartland Maintenance, LLC - \$22.45 per property
James Ferguson - \$35.00 per property
Green Acres Lawncare - \$37.50 per property

HEARTLAND MAINT BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to accept the bid from Heartland Maintenance, LLC for \$22.45 per property. Motion carried unanimously.

Peebles reported she is still trying to get more information on the ownership status of the railroad right-of-way properties.

EC DEV GRANT GUIDELINES

Discussion was held on options for the Downtown Economic Development Grant. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to leave the existing program as is and to add \$4,000 per year available to commercial businesses out of the town square area. Motion carried unanimously. Peebles to prepare the guidelines.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite reminded everyone to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to enter into executive session for the purpose of preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real estate, for five minutes. Motion carried unanimously and Council entered executive session at 8:05pm.

Council reconvened at 8:10pm.

PURCHASE OF FRITCH PROPERTY

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to purchase the property at 105 West Mary currently owned by JC Fritch, Roy Fritch Manager, for \$5,000 with funds to come from Economic Development. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT FRITCH PROPERTY

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to authorize Mayor Wilhite to sign the contract on the Fritch property. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$45,939.79. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Black, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:15pm.

Leslie Wilhite
Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wynona B Boice
Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved April 18, 2011

