

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Due to the holiday on Monday, City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wilhite called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Day, Weber, Beecher, Black, and Bishop. Absent: Stuber. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Tom Mikulka, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, Water Worker Eric Boone, Police Officer John Stimatze, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Weber amended the agenda to add Chris Lutes, owner of Yates Bowling Center. Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Bishop, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mikulka had nothing to report.

CHRIS LUTES

Chris Lutes, owner of the Yates Bowling Center, introduced himself and updated council on the opening of his new business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Weber informed council of the upcoming Miss Hay Contest to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013. He encouraged any council person that was interested in being a judge for the contest to contact himself or Megan Weber, coordinator for the pageant.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Weber began the discussion on updating the business incentive package with several ideas and suggestions he had received. He asked council to read over the current incentives and make notes on any changes they might have so it can be discussed at the next meeting. He would like to have the package in place as soon as possible.

KS HISTORICAL UPDATE

Weber gave an update from the Kansas Historical Society on possible options available to help with fixing buildings on the town square.

BUILDING SAFETY ISSUE

After discussion on buildings on the square that could be a possible safety hazard, the consensus of the council was to have Randall check out the buildings in question in the morning to see if barricades should be placed on the sidewalk until further action could be determined.

**SAFETY REPORT
REMOVE RADIO TOWER**

Randall presented a request from Chief Kee to solicit bids to remove the old radio tower on the west side of city hall. It was the consensus of the council to solicit bids to tear down the tower. Bids to be opened at the March 18 meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
OLD WATER TOWER REMOVAL**

Beecher brought up the old water tower at the water plant that has never been taken down. Boone asked for permission to contact the county to see if they would be able to help with the removal. It was the consensus of the council to grant the request and proceed with the removal as time allows.

SEWER ACCOUNTS BOOKKEEPING

For bookkeeping purposes, motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to change the \$5000 per month transfer from the water department, to the SEWER UTILITY FUND instead of the SEWER DEBT FUND. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET DEPT AIR COMPRESSOR

Beecher presented three bids obtained from Hegwald to replace the street department air compressor that quit working. The bids are all for the same compressor and are as follow:

Sievers Auto Parts	\$1899.00 Free Shipping
Northern Tool	\$2499.99 Free Shipping
Superior Building	\$2200.00 + Shipping

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to purchase the air compressor from Sievers Auto Parts. Motion carried with Day abstaining.

SCRAP OLDER AIR COMPRESSOR

Boone requested permission to scrap the larger old air compressor that belonged to the street department. It would cost more to repair, than it is worth and is taking up storage space. It was the consensus of the council to scrap the air compressor.

CHLORINE DIOXIDE MACHINE

Boone informed council that he had sent out bid sheets for a new chlorine dioxide machine. The bids are due at city hall by Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5:00pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS REPORT
MARDI GRASS**

A long discussion was held on the Mardi Grass festival.

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Beecher, to set the Mardi Grass budget at \$8,000 and to form a committee to go over the budget to see what could be cut. Motion did not pass with Bishop, Day, Reser, Randall, and Weber voting no.

Following more discussion, motion was made by Randall, seconded by Black, to set the Mardi Grass budget at \$12,000 and to form a committee to go over the budget to see what could be cut out. After more discussion, Randall withdrew his motion and Black withdrew his second.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to form a committee to discuss the future of Mardi Grass and report back at the next meeting. Day, Wilhite, Bishop, and Black volunteered to be on the committee. Black to check with the Masons and notify the newspaper of the meeting date.

**HEALTH INSIGHT HEATER
BID POLICY WAIVED**

Black informed council that one of the heaters at Health Insight had quit working and parts were not available to fix it. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Bishop, to waive the bid policy on purchasing a heater to allow for quick repair. Motion carried unanimously.

HEATER PURCHASED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Randall, to purchase a heater for Health Insight from Smith Contracting for \$2303.75. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite handed out Kansas League of Municipalities legislative updates.


CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

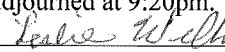
Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Bishop, to pay the claims and vouchers from tonight and the cancelled February 4, meeting in the amount of \$258,124.14. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:20pm.

ATTEST:


Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk


Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

Approved March 4, 2013