

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00pm at City Hall. City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilhite called the meeting to order. Roll call as follows: Randall, Bishop, Beecher, Stuber, Black, Reser, Weber. Absent: Hudlin. Other city officials present included City Attorney Constance Peebles, City Clerk Becky Boice, and Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Peebles requested an executive session. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop to enter into executive session for five minutes for attorney/client. Motion carried unanimously and Council entered into executive session at 7:05pm.

Council reconvened at 7:10pm.

**PARKS COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to enter into executive session for five minutes for attorney/client. Beecher excused himself from discussion during the executive session. Motion carried with Beecher abstaining.

Council entered into executive session at 7:10pm.

Council reconvened at 7:15pm.

Miscellaneous items discussed in the parks report Included:

- the road to the new fishing pier at South Owl Lake
- the playground equipment for South Owl Lake being painted
- the floor at Health Insight needing repair

MOWING BIDS

Black presented two bids for the city mowing.

James Ferguson - \$23,370.00
B&S Lawncare - \$26,900.00

B&S LAWCARE

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to accept the mowing bid of B&S Lawncare for \$26,900.00. Motion carried with Beecher abstaining.

HAY MEADOW TRACT #1

Black presented bids for the hay meadow (Tract #1) at the industrial park.

- Oran Taylor \$193.65
- Smith Farm & Ranch \$342.12
- Wendell Leis \$355.00
- Gary Tidd \$258.20
- Richard Mentzer \$219.47

WENDELL LEIS BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid for Tract #1 from Wendell Leis in the amount of \$355.00. Motion carried unanimously.

HAY MEADOW TRACT #2

Black presented bids for the hay meadow (Tract #2) at South Owl Lake.

- Oran Taylor \$566.70
- Smith Farm & Ranch \$1001.17
- Wendell Leis \$1038.95
- Gary Tidd \$755.60
- Richard Mentzer \$831.16
- Vision Quest \$1063.00

VISION QUEST BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid for Tract #2 from Vision Quest in the amount of \$1063.00. Motion carried with Weber abstaining.

HAY MEADOW TRACT #3

Black presented bids for the hay meadow (Tract #3) at the Yates Center Reservoir.

- Bill Ireland \$501.00
- Oran Taylor \$598.48
- Gary Tidd \$748.10
- Richard Mentzer \$1645.82

RICHARD MENTZER BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid for Tract #3 from Richard Mentzer in the amount of \$1645.82. Motion carried unanimously.

FARM GROUND

Black presented bids for the farm ground.

- Jared Albert \$300.73
- Oran Taylor \$308.20
- Dane Johnson \$264.06
- Wendell Leis \$550.12

WENDELL LEIS BID ACCEPTED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid for the farm ground from Wendell Leis in the amount of \$550.12. Motion carried unanimously.

Black to check into the possibility of putting the farm ground into CRP next year.

HEALTH INSIGHT TREADMILL

Black presented several proposals from Carla Green on the repair or replacement of a treadmill at Health Insight. Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to replace the motor and belt on the treadmill for \$589.98 and to have Hegwald install the parts. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE
BERT'S CMB SUSPENSION**

Randall informed Council that Chief Kee had suspended Bert's Tavern's cereal malt beverage license for six days for allowing consumption of beer on a Sunday. Mr. Splechter has the right to request a hearing.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
STORM DRAIN RURAL FIRE BARN**

Hegwald discussed with Council the need for a storm drain by the new rural fire barn. It was the consensus of the Council to go ahead with the work.

PINK WATER

Beecher reported the water department had a chemical pump malfunction allowing extra potassium in the water turning it pink. The EPA does not regulate potassium and the water is safe to drink.

BACKWASH PROJECT

Beecher reported parts for the backwash line project are starting to arrive.

Other items discussed included:

- a switch on the generator at the sewer plant needing repaired
- the mixer at the sewer plant needing replaced

MIXER AT SEWER PLANT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Weber, To replace the mixer at the sewer plant, not to exceed \$4500 with the funds to come out of the Sewer Utility Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL SIGNS

Hegwald informed Council that the school has purchased "State Champion" signs. It was the consensus of the Council to put the signs by the "Welcome to Yates Center" signs. Hegwald said he would be checking with KDOT for permission to put the signs up.

KDHE BACKWASH PERMIT

Mayor Wilhite requested permission to sign a permit from KDHE for the additional work to be performed in changing over from using the water storage tank just outside of the operational building to using water directly from the high service pumps, distribution system and/or the elevated tank from uptown. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Weber, to give Mayor Wilhite permission to sign the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
RR PROPERTY MOWING**

Peebles reported that she thought more investigating needed to be done on the ownership of the railroad property. Motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Weber, to request Peebles do more research on the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY VEHICLE POLICY

Reser presented a written policy for procedures and use of the 2004 Chevrolet pick-up and the former Number 2 police car. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher to accept the policy as written and to place the policy in the policy manual. Motion carried unanimously.

DRUMLINE @ YC DAYS

Boice presented a request from Katy Ludwig, Executive Director of the Woodson County Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Topeka Drumline for Yates Center Days. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to sponsor the Topeka Drumline for Yates Center Days. Motion carried unanimously with money to come from the Economic Development Fund.

LEGION RIDERS CMB APPLICATION

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Beecher, to approve the 2011 Cereal Malt Beverage Application for the American Legion Riders -- Post #13. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes for trade secrets with Boice and Peebles present. Motion carried unanimously, and Council entered into executive session at 7:50pm.

Council reconvened at 8:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to enter into executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel with Boice and Peebles present. Motion carried with Black voting no. Council entered into executive session at 8:00pm.

Council reconvened at 8:20pm.

SNOW STORM PAY

Discussion was held on paying the employees that worked while City Hall was closed during the recent snow storms. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to allow city employees who worked while City Hall was closed, eight hours off with pay, to be used within 30 days, and excluding emergency services. Motion carried with Black voting no.

BOWLING ALLEY

Reser was approached by the bank that owns the Bowling Alley. They are interested in hiring a manager to run the business. Anyone interested can contact City Hall for a name and phone number.

EC DEV GRANTS

Reser requested the Economic Development Grants be put on the agenda next time to discuss extending the grants to businesses with highway frontage.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite discussed:

- a letter received from THRIVE
- legislative updates

FIRE DEPT COVERALLS

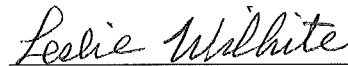
Reser reported the fire department had received the coveralls ordered and they wished to thank the Council.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$158,166.10. Motion carried unanimously.

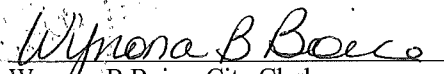
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:30pm.



Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved March 7, 2011