

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2015**

No meeting was held on February 17, 2015, due to lack of a quorum.

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Day added business incentives for Los Portales under administrative committee.

Randall added discussion on police department pay policy under the safety committee.

Weber added discussion on traffic routes under the safety committee.

Jones added an update on the ball fields under the parks and public lands committee.

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Mikulka had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
MITIGATION PLAN – RES#302**

Discussion was held on the regional mitigation plan presented by Emergency Preparedness Director Scott Wiltse. Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to adopt Resolution #302, The Region H Kansas Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT MOWING**

It was the consensus of the council to advertise for bids on the code enforcement mowing. Bids due by Monday, March 16, at 5:00pm.

**LOS PORTALES – BUS INCENT**

Day informed council that Los Portales had provided the additional requested information for their business incentive application. Motion was made by Day, seconded by Bishop, to provide Los Portales with free water for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

Weber also asked council to be thinking of ways to remodel city hall to allow room for a third person in the city clerk's office while staying in compliance with ADA regulations.

**SAFETY**

**PD PAY POLICY**

Randall informed council that during the city's annual audit, the auditors had concerns about the city being in compliance with police department fair labor laws. After checking, the city was in compliance because of the number of police officers in the department. The safety committee recommends changing the pay policy for the police department in order to stay in compliance should more officers be hired. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to approve the new police department pay policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER  
HOWARD RANDALL**

Bishop informed council that the safety committee had reviewed the applications for animal control officer and had hired Howard Randall to fill the position.

**TRAFFIC ROUTES**

Hegwald informed council of the detour and signage that KDOT would be implementing on March 3, for the overpass project east of town. It was the consensus of the council for Hegwald, Kee, and Randall, to meet and discuss signage needed to be done by the city during the project.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER PLANT PROJECT**

With Beecher and Boone both absent, discussion of the water plant project was tabled for two weeks. Boice to contact Susan Galemore with the Regional Planning Commission to see if she would be able to attend the next meeting for questions concerning the grant process.

**NOTIFICATION OF LEAKS**

Discussion was held on needing to implement a procedure for the water department to notify businesses and/or residents when their water would be shut off to repair leaks. Boice to check with other cities to see what type of work orders are used for leak notifications and follow ups on complaints.

**YC RES PUMP HOUSE**

Boone had contacted members of the public works committee to request permission to solicit bids on repair work needed at the pump house at the Yates Center Reservoir. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to check into the matter and notify Boice if it is to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
POOL MANAGER**

Jones informed council that Becky Randall has been hired as the swimming pool manager and Katie Ploutz has been hired as the assistant manager. Lifeguards have been hired and are scheduled to attend training during spring break.

**POOL REPAIRS**

Jones presented two bids for the masonry work needed at the pool. The bid to include tearing out the concrete around the pipe needing replaced. The water department to repair the pipe and the contractor to replace the concrete. Bids were as followed:

C&L Masonry - \$800 to \$1000  
Wacey Douglas - \$300 to \$3500

**C&L MASONRY**

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Bishop, to accept the bid from C&L Masonry not to exceed \$1000. Motion carried unanimously.

**POOL PREPARATION**

Jones and Hegwald to work on bid specifications for preparing the pool to be opened including minor repairs, patching, and painting. Specifications to be approved at the next meeting.

**BALLFIELD UPDATE**

Jones informed council that the street department employees had been tearing down the old concession stand at the ball fields. Weather permitting, the work should be completed in the next few days.

Council thanked the street department for the good job clearing the streets after the recent snow storm.

**DAM INSPECTION**

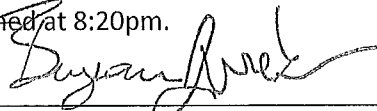
A letter was received from the Kansas Department of Agriculture requiring the city to have a dam safety inspection by a qualified licensed professional engineer by April 30, 2016, on the dam at the Yates Center Reservoir. Weber requested the item to be added on the next agenda.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

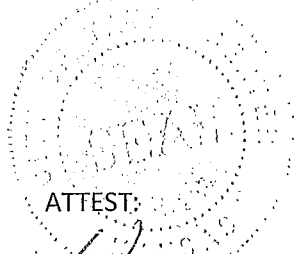
Motion was made by Day, seconded by Bishop, to pay the claims and vouchers for this meeting and the prior meeting in the amount of \$209,530.06. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

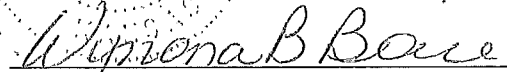
Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:20pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor



ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved March 16, 2015