

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2011**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA APPROVED

Council was given an amended agenda. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

BLACK ARRIVED

Black arrived at 7:03pm.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

PUBLIC HEARING WATER PLANT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Weber, to open the public hearing to close out the water plant project. Motion carried unanimously.

After no public or council comments, motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to close the public hearing to close out the water plant project. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Peebles requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to enter into executive session for 20 minutes for attorney/client privileges, for the purpose to discuss matters of a confidential character, which are regarded by the client as confidential, which are private, and which are properly the subject of confidential disclosure. Motion carried unanimously and Council entered into executive session at 7:05pm.

Council reconvened at 7:25pm.

LAWRENCE BARNETT

Lawrence Barnett was present to discuss building a new business at the corner of Mary & Main Streets. Both parties to get more information.

STUBER ARRIVED

Stuber arrived at 7:40pm.

BEECHER EXCUSED

Beecher excused himself from the table.

**PARKS COMMITTEE
MOWING BIDS**

Black presented three bids for mowing the city properties:

James Ferguson - \$23,370.00
Heartland Maintenance LLC - \$22,500.00
Green Acres Lawn Care - \$26,900.00

HEARTLAND MAINTENANCE

Motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Black, to accept the bid from Heartland Maintenance LLC in the amount of \$22,500.00. Motion carried with Beecher abstaining.

BEECHER RETURNED

Beecher returned to the table.

FILLING FISH FEEDERS

Black reported he would be putting an ad in the paper to solicit bids for filling the fish feeders.

BID POLICY WAIVED

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Beecher, to waive the bid policy to purchase a fish feeder. Motion carried unanimously.

**FISH FEEDER PURCHASED
JEREMY'S FISH & WILDLIFE PRODUCTS**

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to purchase a Magnum 5000 fish feeder (includes timer, solar panel, floating platform, hold down chains, and delivery) from Jeremy's Fish and Wildlife Products for \$2,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

FISH FOOD BIDS

Black presented three bids for fish food:

Leroy Coop - \$15.75 per bag
Cleavers - \$17.79 per bag
Yates Center Elevator - \$16.30 per bag

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber, to purchase four tons of fish food from the Yates Center Elevator for \$2,608.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE
DOG POUND**

Randall reported that in order to get the new dog pound finished sooner, the Council should consider putting the remaining concrete and finishing work up for bid. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the Safety Committee draw up bid specifications for the dog pound and advertise for bids for its completion.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE Beecher reported on the backwash line project and the sewer line project that was started today.

DAM INSPECTION BIDS Beecher presented three bids for the state required dam inspection at the Yates Center Reservoir:

Cook, Flatt & Strobel - \$3,500.00
Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc - \$4,750.00
BG Consultants, Inc - \$3,670.00

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Weber, to accept the bid from Cook, Flatt & Strobel in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER PLANT PROJECT COMPLETION CERTIFICATION Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Weber, to allow Mayor Wilhite to sign the Certificate of Completion on the water plant project. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE Reser presented a resignation from Les Wilhite for the Yates Center Housing Authority Board.

ADVERTISE BOARD POSITIONS It was the consensus of the Council to advertise for any vacancies on any city board.

Other items briefly discussed included:

- mileage paid out in the last few years
- ownership and mowing of the railroad properties
- changing the policy of the Downtown Economic Development Grant

BID POLICY WAIVED Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to waive the bid policy for a laptop computer for City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

LAPTOP PURCHASED Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to purchase a laptop computer from Advantage Computers in the amount of \$569.00 to be used for the new receipting program. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVER OFF PROBATION & RAISE Reser informed Council that Joan Diver, Deputy City Clerk, will have completed her six month probation next week. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to take Joan Diver off probation and give her a .50 per hour raise, starting next pay period. Motion carried unanimously.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT Black reported that the playground equipment for South Owl Lake has been painted and will be installed as soon as the schedule allows.

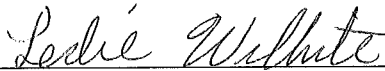
MAYORS COMMENTS Mayor Wilhite did not have any comments for Council.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$42,566.11. Motion carried unanimously.

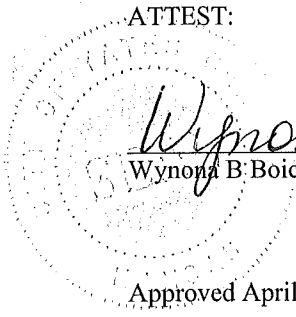
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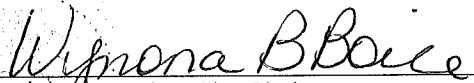
Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Randall, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:35pm.



Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:





Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved April 4, 2011