

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 14, 2012**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2012 at 7:05pm at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Bishop amended the agenda to include under Public Works the discussion of water rates and the closing of the sign business in town. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

PV MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Randall, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 and November 29, 2011 Yates Center Housing Authority meetings as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Peebles had nothing to report on.

TOM DAVIS

Tom Davis, organizer of the Friends For Life Benefit, Birdies & Bluegrass, was present to request that Council waive the no alcohol policy at the South Owl Lake park area for the June 9, 2012 benefit. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Randall, to waive the no alcohol policy and to allow cereal malt beverages at the Friends For Life Benefit. Motion carried unanimously.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE BENEFIT

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
WO CO CHAMBER CMB**

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Randall, to approve the 2012 cereal malt beverage application for the Woodson County Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

10 MINUTE RECESS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to adjourn for a 10 minute recess. Motion carried unanimously with Council to reconvene at 7:20pm.

Council reconvened at 7:20pm.

LEGION RIDERS CMB

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Randall, to approve the 2012 cereal malt beverage application for the American Legion Riders Post #13. Motion carried with Reser and Stuber abstaining.

ORD #1056

Reser presented an ordinance pertaining to weeds. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve Ordinance #1056 relating to the cutting of weeds and vegetation, providing for notice, and providing for charges therefor; adding penalties for violation; and repealing ordinance #908 of the City of Yates Center, Kansas in conflict herewith. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Stuber restated the fact that Council would be backing code enforcement in enforcing the weed ordinance that was just passed.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
ONE-CALL**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to enter the one-call program. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER RATES

Beecher informed Council that the city has been selling water cheaper than what it costs to produce it. He presented a report giving options on raising the water rates. After a brief discussion, the matter was tabled for two weeks.

SOUTH OWL LAKE

Beecher gave an update from the engineering firm checking into dredging South Owl Lake.

SIGNS ON THE PRAIRIE

Beecher and Hegwald presented a proposal from Quentin Yoho of Signs on the Prairie. The business will be closing at the end of the month and Yoho has his sign making equipment for sale. The city will be federally required to replace all street signs by 2018. Hegwald presented estimates on the cost of sign replacements. After a brief discussion the matter was tabled for two weeks.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

With Black and Hudlin both absent, Randall reported that several fisherman had been ticketed at the city lake for no permits and having alcohol.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite requested an attorney/client executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character and which is private, with no third parties present. Motion carried unanimously. Council and Peebles entered executive session at 7:50pm to reconvene at 8:00pm.

Council reconvened at 8:00pm.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Wilhite announced that he would be appointing one councilman as chairman of each committee. The chairman may then choose up to three other council members and the Mayor to hold a meeting.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENTS

Wilhite appointed the following committee chairman:

Administrative – Weber
Safety – Hudlin
Public Works – Beecher
Parks & Public Lands – Black

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to approve Mayor Wilhite's committee chairman appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Wilhite appointed Constance Peebles as City Attorney. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to approve Mayor Wilhite's city attorney appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mayor Wilhite appointed William Lacy as Municipal Judge. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to approve Mayor Wilhite's municipal judge appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Mayor Wilhite appointed the Yates Center News as the city's official paper. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve Mayor Wilhite's official newspaper appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT OFFICIAL BANKS

Mayor Wilhite appointed the Yates Center Branch Bank and the Piqua Branch Bank as the city's official banks. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to approve Mayor Wilhite's official bank appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$45,144.87. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:10pm.



Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved May 28, 2012