

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 29, 2012**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on May 29, 2012 at 7:05pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Weber amended the agenda to include a 20 minutes executive session for non-elected personnel. Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Beecher, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Reser, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

PV MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Beecher, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 Yates Center Housing Authority Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Peebles had nothing to report.

ELECT PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Wilhite asked for nominations for President of the Council. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to elect Randall as President of the Council. Motion carried with Randall abstaining.

J PENDERGRASS – WALK-IN HUNTING

Jeff Pendergrass, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, was present to present a contract for the state's walk-in hunting program that was previously discussed. It was the consensus of the Council to have the city attorney look over the contract and if it meets with her approval to accept it at the next meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Beecher, to enter an executive session for twenty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The executive session to include Peebles and Boice. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered executive session at 7:14pm to reconvene at 7:34pm.

Council reconvened at 7:34pm.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK HOURS CUT

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Beecher, that due to budget cuts, reduce the hours of the deputy city clerk to three days a week effective with the next pay period. One day of wages to come out of the general budget and two days of wages to come out of the water budget. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY REPORT

Hudlin had nothing to report

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
RAISE WATER RATES**

Beecher moved to raise the water rates 36% across the board. He then rescinded the motion. Beecher moved to raise the rates as follows:

- Whole sale water rates to \$3.00 a thousand
- City water rates up 36%
- Coin operated crane sales at the water plant \$5.00 per thousand

Motion was seconded by Randall and carried unanimously. The new rates to go into effect in 60 days.

HYDRANT HOURS

It was the consensus of the council to have the hydrant at the water plant to be available during business hours only.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

Black reminded council of the fishing derby June 2, and the CCC campground dedication at Lake Fegan on June 9.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Bishop, to waive the city lake permit fees for June 2 & 3 to coincide with the state's free fishing days. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite thanked the Woodson County Chamber for the great job on Yates Center Days.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Randall, to approve the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$61,121.39. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:05pm.

Leslie Wilhite

Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wynona B Boice

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved June 11, 2012