

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 7:00pm, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Day, Beecher, Black, Stuber, and Bishop. Absent: Jones. Other city officials present included: Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Water Worker Billy Scheer, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, Police Officer John Stimatze, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Randall added a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel under the safety committee, and discussion on the walking trail grant under the parks and public lands committee.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mikulka was not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE**

PIQUA STATE BANK BUS INCENT

Discussion was held on business incentives for the Piqua State Bank. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to proceed with graveling and chip sealing the driveway entrance once the digging prep work has been completed by a contractor. Motion carried unanimously.

BC&BS RENEWAL

Day presented renewal rates for the city's Blue Cross & Blue Shield employee health insurance. The rates will increase by 3.2%. Motion was made by Day, seconded by Stuber, to approve the renewal rates. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:10pm, to reconvene at 7:20pm.

Council reconvened at 7:20pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WATER PLANT REPAIRS**

Boone gave a brief update on the repair work at the water plant.

SEWER CLEANING

Beecher presented bids for cleaning lift stations, storm drains, and the grid chamber at the sewer plant.

A-1 from Emporia \$1600.00

Mayer from Goddard \$2000.00

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid from A-1 not to exceed \$1600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISOR SPENDING

Discussion was held on the possibility of raising the supervisor's spending limit. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to table the matter for two weeks. Motion carried unanimously. The council to be provided with the current policy on spending in the next agenda.

EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Bishop, to move Billy Scheer from part-time water department employee, to full-time water department employee, effective October 1. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Randall and Weber gave an update on the walking trail planned for South Owl Lake. Randall and Jones have volunteered to serve on the committee working on the trail. Weber encouraged anyone with an interest that would like to help, to contact a member of the committee.

MAYOR COMMENTS

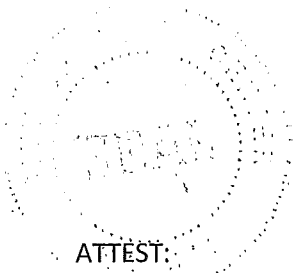
Weber had no comments.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Bishop, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$31,238.81. Motion carried unanimously.

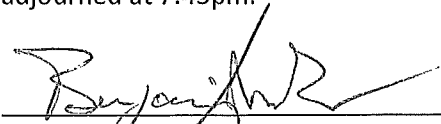
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:45pm.



ATTEST:


Wynona B Boice, City Clerk


Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

Approved October 13, 2014