

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 30, 2013, 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, Beecher, Stuber, Bishop, and Jones. Absent: Day and Black. Other city officials present included City Attorney Tom Mikulka, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Randall amended the agenda to include an executive session for pool repairs. Beecher amended the agenda to include discussion on sewer rates. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Beecher, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mikulka had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUSINESS INCENTIVES**

Jones presented a rough draft of the revised business incentives. After discussion, several small changes were made. Boice to re-type and have Mikulka review. The business incentives to be approved at the next meeting.

WO CO TO HELP WITH DEMO

Jones reported that Day had went to the Woodson County Commissioner meeting and the county has agreed to help with condemnation process by:

- covering fuel costs of hauling dumpsters from the site to the landfill
- hauling off the foundation stones if the city does not want them and they can be used for fill
- charging the city only \$21.50 per ton in tipping fees

YCBB HELP WITH DEMO

Jones also announced that the Yates Center Branch Bank will donate \$500.00 towards the demolition fee.

RESOLUTION #298

Jones presented Resolution #298 for approval. Resolution #298 sets a time and place, and provides for notice of a hearing before the Governing body, for the owner of 211 E Sanderson to show cause why the structure at this location should not be condemned. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to approve Resolution #298. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSTEED LETTER OF SUPPORT

Linda Busted, owner of the properties at 100 & 102 West Rutledge, was present to ask council for letters of support for a grant she is applying for from the Kansas Historical Society. It was the consensus of the council to write letters of support.

**SAFETY
#2 POLICE CAR**

Stuber brought council up to date on the #2 police car that is not running. Police Chief Kee will be soliciting bids for a new police car as soon as possible.

BARRICADES ON SQUARE

Stuber to check with the property owners of the buildings barricaded on the square to see if they are ready to have the barricades removed.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Stuber reminded everyone of the Friends For Life annual breast cancer awareness walk to take place on Saturday, October 12.

**PUBLIC WORKS
SEWER RATES**

Beecher opened the discussion for a sewer rate increase. According to the city's financial advisor Bob Agler, the city needs to raise sewer rates between 15% - 18% to allow the sewer fund to support itself. In addition, it needs to be a priority to review the water and sewer rates at the beginning of each year.

SEWER INCREASE

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to raise the sewer rates by 17% to cover 2013-2014. Motion carried unanimously with the rates to go into effect as soon as allowed by ordinance.

PAINTING ON STREETS

Hegwald informed council he had been contacted by Rex McVey requesting students be allowed to paint pink paw prints on the streets and sidewalks on the west and south side of the streets in conjunction with the Friends For Life walk. It was the consensus of the council to not allow permanent paint to be used on the bricks. The sidewalks belong to the property owner, but it is recommended not painting on them due to safety reasons. Several alternate options were discussed.

PARKS

Due to the upcoming re-codification of the city's code book, Randall would like to move the reviewing of the ordinances concerning the lake, up on the priority list.

Randall also gave an update on the Lincoln Park playground equipment.

HEALTH INSIGHT

Health Insight items discussed included: door replacement, changing the lock system, and security cameras. Jones to check into getting bid specifications for new doors.

POOL REPAIRS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to enter into an executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to trade secrets of the swimming pool, with the city attorney and city clerk present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered the executive session at 8:00pm to reconvene at 8:05pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

Council reconvened at 8:05pm. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to continue the executive session for ten minutes for the same reason with the same people present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered the executive session at 8:05pm to reconvene at 8:15pm.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Jones, to enter into executive session for ten minutes, with the city attorney present, for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel because if the matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:16pm to reconvene at 8:26pm.

Council reconvened at 8:26pm.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber reminded council he would like to have a 5 & 10 year plan from each committee on things they would like to see accomplished during that time frame.

Weber informed council that the city code book will be getting re-codified in the next few months, so any ordinances they would like to see changed need to be changed soon.

It was the consensus of the council to inquire about a more detailed account of the money the city gives to the Chamber of Commerce.

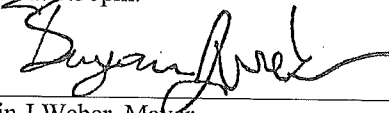
Weber also stated he had received many compliments on the Lincoln Park improvements and had personally noticed the amount of people using the park had increased.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$45,820.59. Motion carried unanimously.

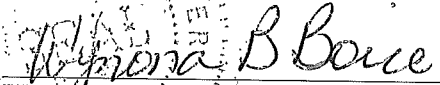
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:30pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved October 14, 2013