

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 18, 2016**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2016, 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, Spoon, Bishop, Stuber, and Jones. Absent: Day. Other city officials present included City Attorney Brian Duncan, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Bishop added a 10 minute executive session under Safety.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan informed council that a municipal court case has been appealed to district court.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:03pm to reconvene at 7:13pm.

Council reconvened at 7:13pm.

**PAINTING CITY HALL**

Reser asked that painting city hall be removed from the agenda and said it will be discussed during the budget workshop.

**CHAMBER MOVIE NIGHT**

Donating to the Chamber Movie Night was briefly discussed. It was the consensus of the council to contact the chamber and let them know if they needed something specific to ask and the city would be glad to help.

**MORRISON TAX ABATEMENT**

Reser presented a city tax abatement from Stephanie and Michael Morrison for a new garage. All required paperwork has been provided. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to approve the five year city tax abatement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRANT DISCUSSION**

Council discussed Community Development Block Grants including prioritizing city needs and available funding requirements. Council requested Susan Galemore, with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission be invited, in writing, to attend the budget workshop on Monday, July 25, at 6:00pm to discuss possible solutions.

**ZONING**

Discussion was held on current city zoning regulations. It was the consensus of the council not to allow any zoning variances until Duncan can check into what it would take to adopting a zoning book structured for a town the size of Yates Center.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Reser reminded council of the budget workshop on Monday, July 25, at 6:00pm, with Carolyn Brock.

**SAFETY  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session 8:13pm to reconvene at 8:23pm.

Council reconvened at 8:23pm.

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to enter into an additional 10 minute executive session for the same reason. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:24pm to reconvene at 8:34pm.

Council reconvened at 8:34pm.

**RECESS**

Council recessed for five minutes.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER PLANT INSPECTION**

Beecher informed council he was waiting on estimates from Boone relating to the water plant inspection.

**UPDATE**

Randall informed council that Hegwald has returned to work full-time/light duty from his work comp injury.

Hegwald will be soliciting bids for a new street department truck that was budgeted for 2016.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
DELAY STADIUM**

Jones informed council that due to safety issues and continuing vandalism problems the committee would like to see the press box removed from the top of the stadium. It was the consensus of the council to have the street department tear down the press box and install safety fencing in the fall after road work is done.

The council also agreed to allow the middle school football team to use Delay Stadium for practice.

**POOL PERSONNEL**

Jones reported that Assistant Pool Manager Katie Ploutz had given her resignation. The committee hired Cindy McDonald from the previous round of applications to finish out the season as the assistant manager.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 20 minute executive session for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:45pm to reconvene at 9:05pm.

Council reconvened at 9:05pm.

**POOL UPDATE**

Jones advised council that members of the committee would be going to the next Woodson County Commissioners meeting to discuss the possibility of the county helping to fund a new swimming pool.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

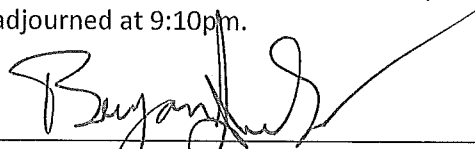
No comments were made by Weber.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$142,593.31. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

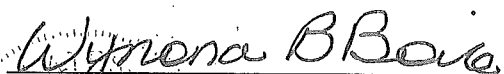
Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:10pm.



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Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved August 1, 2016

