

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2014**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 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, and Stuber. Absent: Bishop and Jones. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Tom Mikulka, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, Water Superintendent Eric Boone, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

The agenda was amended as follows:

Day added appointments to the library board and Recreation Commission.

Randall added discussion on insurance recommendations for Health Insight and the pool.

Beecher added discussion on a pump for the sewer plant.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to approve the minutes of the February 3 and the February 20 meetings as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Mikulka had nothing to report.

**GT HEATING & A/C BUS INCENT**

Russell Gehrer and Cody Taylor were present from GT Heating, Air Conditioning & Electric. It was the consensus of both parties to approve the draft contract giving city owned land in the industrial park to GT as a business incentive. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to approve the contract with GT and instruct Weber to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOS PORTALES BUS INCENT**

Day presented an application for business incentives from Susan Loving d/b/a Los Portales Mexican Restaurant. Motion was made by Day, seconded by Stuber, to give Los Portales free water service for one year, not to include sewer charges. Motion carried unanimously.

**BACA**

Brian Lochner "The Brain" and "Ripper" from Bikers Against Child Abuse gave council a presentation on their firm stand against all forms of child abuse. BACA would like to have their four chapters from across the state meet in Yates Center on Saturday, May 17, to help increase awareness for their program. It was the consensus of the council to contact other organizations in town and help promote the event.

**RECESS**

Motion was made by Black, seconded by Stuber to recess for five minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Council to reconvene at 7:45pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**JAN SORENSON – LIBRARY BD**

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Beecher, to re-appoint Jan Sorenson to the Yates Center Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**WENDY SHEEDY – LIBRARY BD**

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Beecher, to re-appoint Wendy Sheedy to the Yates Center Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**RONNIE REYNOLDS – REC COMM**

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to re-appoint Ronnie Reynolds to the Yates Center Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The board position for the Yates Center Housing Authority (Prairie Villa) to be advertised again.

**EILEEN SMITH**

Eileen Smith was present to provide council with information on her proposed businesses, "The Lavender Barn Health & Beauty Day Spa", "Historic Bungalow Bed & Breakfast" and "Musical Foster Home For Teenagers".

**WESTAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Council discussed a proposed ordinance with Westar for renewal of the franchise agreement with the city. Mikulka to do further checking into certain details of the ordinance and report back at the next meeting.

**SAFETY  
KEE – ACCC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Stuber informed council that Lyle Kee had been asked to serve on the Advisory Council for Criminal Justice for Allen County Community College. It was the consensus of the council to allow overtime for an officer to cover for Kee if the occasional meeting fell on Kee's shift.

Stuber also commended the Yates Center Police Department and the Woodson County Sheriff's Office for working so well together on recent cases.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
SEWER PLANT PUMP**

Beecher presented three bids for a new pump at the sewer plant:

Douglas Pump Service - \$4262.00 + Freight  
Environmental & Process Systems - \$4371.00 + Freight  
B&B Electric - \$5380.00 (Includes Freight)

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber, to purchase a ABS Pump for the sewer plant from Douglas Pump Service for \$4262.00 + Freight. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOADER REPAIR**

Beecher presented a proposal for the loader to be repaired. Hegwald explained that the loader had been losing anti-freeze and the mechanics from Foley's thought it could possibly be a head gasket or cracked head. The proposal was for repair of the city's loader and a loaner loader to use while the repair work is done.

**BID POLICY WAIVED**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to waive the bid policy for the loader repair. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOADER REPAIR**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to accept the proposal from Foley's to repair the loader and provide a rental not to exceed \$6800. Any repair work needed above the proposal to be approved by the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**RAISES TABLED**

Beecher tabled discussion on employee raises for two weeks.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
HAY & FARM GROUND RENTAL**

Randall opened the bids for the hay and farm rental. Council recessed for five minutes to allow Boice to check the bid calculations. The bids were as follows:

Tract 1 – Industrial Park  
Joseph Sanaie - \$457.50  
The bid was awarded to Joseph Sanaie.

Tract 2 – South Owl Lake  
Joseph Sanaie - \$1807.65  
Oran Taylor - \$1248.00  
Dane Johnson - \$1683.24  
The bid was awarded to Joseph Sanaie.

Tract 3 – Yates Center Reservoir  
Rick Batson - \$2393.92  
Oran Taylor - \$1645.00  
The bid was awarded to Rick Batson.

Tract 4 – Former Airport  
Rick Batson - \$544.00  
Joseph Sanaie - \$700.40  
The bid was awarded to Joseph Sanaie.

Farm Ground  
Dane Johnson - \$750.51  
Oran Taylor - \$754.00  
The bid was awarded to Oran Taylor.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to accept all bids as awarded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BEECHER EXCUSED**

Beecher excused himself from the table.

**CITY MOWING**

Randall opened the bids for the city mowing. Bids were as follows:

Heartland Maintenance - \$19850.00  
Greenacres Lawn Care - \$22640.00

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to accept the bid of Heartland Maintenance in the amount of \$19850.00. Motion carried with Beecher abstaining.

**BEECHER RETURNS TO TABLE**

Beecher returned to the table.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

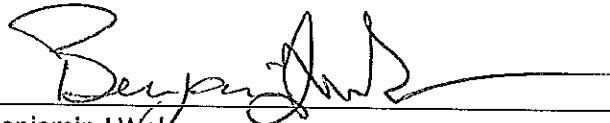
Weber reminded council to be thinking of ways to help fund major projects such as the upkeep of Health Insight and changes needed at the Library.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

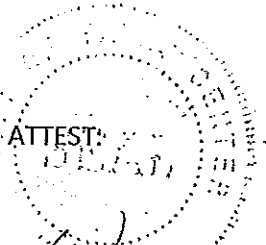

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Randall, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$225106.58. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:05pm.

  
Benjamin J Weber

ATTEST:

  
  
Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved March 17, 2014