

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President of the Council Wiehn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Reed, Wiehn, Beecher, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Absent: Weber and Spoon. One vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Superintendent Eric Boone, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

KAYS SPARK GRANT

Karl Hamm, Tasha Steele, and representative of the YCHS KAYS came before the council to explain a grant available to them from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They would like to apply for a grant to replace the memorial sidewalk from the Yates Center High School to the Yates Center Cemetery. It was the consensus of the council to allow the KAYS to apply for the grant. The Council thanked the representatives for taking the initiative to apply for the grant.

RUBY HESKETT

Ruby Heskett appeared before council to ask for permission to continue to live in a camper inside the city limits. It was the consensus of the council to not allow Heskett to continue to live in the camper inside of city limits. Heskett was given until December 3, 2019, to correct the situation.

**CITY ATTORNEY
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to enter into a ten-minute executive session, in the council room, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character and which is private. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered the executive session at 7:16pm, to reconvene at 7:26pm.

Council reconvened at 7:26pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
313 E RUTLEDGE BLDG PERMIT**

Discussion was held to allow a variance on a garage located at 313 E Rutledge. After a motion by Cathcard that was withdrew, the matter was tabled until next meeting to allow council to get more information.

G&W CMB

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to approve the 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage Application from G&W Foods. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN HALL BUS INCENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to grant Town Hall, Inc free water for one year as a business incentive. Required paperwork was presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Reser announced that the city would be entering a float in the Christmas parade sponsored by the Woodson County Chamber on December 14. Council and employees were encouraged to participate.

SAFETY

No safety committee report was given.

**PUBLIC WORKS
ORD NUMBER 1124**

Beecher presented Ordinance Number 1124 for approval; AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE WATER USER RATES BY 4% FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, WHICH RAISED THE RATE FROM \$4.87 PER THOUSAND USED TO \$.00507 PER GALLON USED; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1115 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1124 as presented, to go into effect on the January 1, 2020 bill. Motion carried unanimously.

ORD NUMBER 1125

Beecher presented Ordinance Number 1125 for approval; AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATE WASTEWATER CONTRIBUTORS PAY FROM \$5.56 PER THOUSAND GALLONS USED TO \$.00578 FOR EACH GALLON OF WATER USED; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1116 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1125 as presented, to go into effect on the January 1, 2020 bill. Motion carried unanimously.

HESSE PROBATION

Beecher announced that Allen Hesse has completed his 90-day probation period for the street department.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to give Hesse a .50 an hour raise effective with the next paycheck. Motion carried unanimously.

SELL TRUCKS

Boone requested permission to sell the water department's tank truck and dump truck on purple wave.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to sell the water department's tank truck and dump truck, as is, on purple wave. The funds to go back into the water fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
307 W KANSAS**

Boice informed council that the title work is being done for the property at 307 West Kansas to enable the city to sell it.

POOL UPDATE

Wiehn gave an update on the pool project regarding a meeting held with the engineer and grant administrator last week. She encouraged any one with questions to contact a council member or city hall.

CONCRETE BIDS S OWL RR

Two bids were received for the concrete work by the restroom at South Owl Lake:

Superior Building Supply \$4,600.00

Douglas Skidsteer Service \$5,978.00

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to accept the bid from Superior Building Supply for the concrete work for the CFAP grant at South Owl Lake. Motion carried with Wiehn abstaining.

MAYOR COMMENTS

There were no mayor comments.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$154,709.44. Motion carried unanimously.


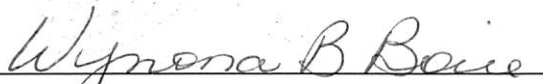
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:15pm.



Leah Wiehn, President of the Council

ATTEST:

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved December 2, 2019