

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 4, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2020. The meeting was moved to the Woodson County Ambulance Barn, 114 N Main, to allow for social distancing because of COVID-19. The public was notified by a sign posted 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, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, and Morrison. Absent: Weber and Shaffer. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, City Clerk Becky Boice, and Pool Manager Byron Marshall.

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 Spoon, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Cathcard and Morrison abstaining.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
WARREN PROPERTY**

Discussion was held on the Warren property that is in code violation. It was the consensus of the council to give Warren until June 1, 2020, to complete the clean-up of the property. Smoot and Duncan to meet with Warren and provide photos of what needs to be cleaned up. Council to check with a contractor on getting a price estimate for the clean-up to start on June 2, if not completed by property owner. The cost of the clean-up to be assessed to the property owner.

CENSUS REMINDER

Reser asked everyone to help spread the word to please complete the 2020 Census. Some government funding is based on the outcome of the census.

CHAMBER/YC DAYS UPDATE

Reser tabled until the next meeting.

OPENING CITY HALL & EMPLOYEES

It was the consensus of the council to open City Hall to the public and have all employees begin working regular schedules effective immediately.

SAFETY

Cathcard requested all items that have been tabled, be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS
CLEAN-UP DAY**

Residential clean-up for brush and yard debris only was set for Monday, May 18. All rules and specifications to be posted on face book and in the newspaper.

OVERHEAD SHOP DOOR

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to solicit sealed bids for an overhead door at the street department's south shop. Bids to be returned to City Hall by 5:00pm, Friday, May 29th. Motion carried unanimously. Bid specifications available at City Hall.

CONTRACTOR BILLED

Spoon informed council that the contractor who had recently caused a major water leak has been billed for the repair and water loss.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
OPENING POOL**

A lengthy discussion was held on if the city pool should be opened this year with the COVID-19 issues, lifeguards needing to be certified, work needing to be done before the pool could be open and the cost involved. Earlier plans included closing the pool July 31 for the season to allow for construction to start on the new pool. Marshall expressed his opinion to council.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to not open the pool this year and start on construction of the new pool as soon as the contractor was available. Motion carried with Cathcard and Morrison voting no.

AWARD POOL BID

Council was presented with a recommendation of bidder letter from Jeff Bartley of Watersedge. His recommendation was to award the project to Branco in the amount of \$1,233,100 for the base bid and all alternate bids.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to award the pool bid as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber was not present.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$59,076.49. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:00pm.



Leah Wiehn, President of the Council

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved May 18, 2020