

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2015**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Day, Spoon, Stuber, Bishop, and Jones. Absent: Beecher. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Tom Mikulka, Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Police Chief Lyle Kee, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Randall added mixer for sewer plant, water and sewer rates, and possible sale of a tractor and mower under public works.

Randall added a ten minute executive session under parks and public lands.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015, council meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

GARY WARD – CHICKENS

Gary Ward was present to express his concerns about not limiting the number of chickens a person can have and allowing roosters in town. Also discussed was the ordinances in place not allowing fowl to run at large and having to keep pens clean and odor free. Council assured Ward the above mentioned would be taken into consideration during the finalization of the updated city code book in the next few months.

DARRIN PETROSKY – KDOT

Darrin Petrosky, with the Kansas Department of Transportation presented council with the Road Safety Report from 2012. Petrosky said the city had already made the suggestion changes. Petrosky also gave a brief update on the Highway 54 project east of town.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mikulka had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET HEARING SET**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to set the 2016 Budget Hearing for Monday, August 31, 2015, at 7:00pm at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE BOOK

Reser announced that the Kansas League of Municipalities had questioned when the city code book would be completed for recodification. A work session for updating city ordinances will be scheduled at the next meeting.

**SAFETY
COURT COST**

Kee was present to request the court cost fee for Municipal Court be raised to \$120.00. Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Day, to raise the Municipal Court cost to \$120.00 effective September 1, 2015. Motion carried with Reser voting no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 20 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously with council, the mayor, the city attorney, and chief of police to be included. Council entered executive session at 7:40pm, to reconvene at 8:00pm.

Council reconvened at 8:00pm.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to enter into a 15 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously with council, the mayor, and the city attorney to be included. Council entered executive session at 8:01pm to reconvene at 8:16pm.

Council reconvened at 8:16pm.

FOURTH POLICE OFFICER

It was the consensus of the council to have one of the city's fourth officers ride with Kee, Leedy, and Stephenson, for the next few weeks and for Kee to report back to council by September 28 with an evaluation and recommendation on rather to send the fourth officer to the full police academy in the fall.

FIRE DEPT WAGES

It was the consensus of the council to allow Bob Gaulding to raise the wages of the fire department \$5.00 per meeting and \$5.00 per fire run with the understanding there would not be a budget increase to cover it. The fire department has been under budget with salaries the past few years allowing for the wage increase. The increase to start in 2016.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WORK ORDERS**

Randall asked that the work orders be removed from the agenda until a later date.

WATER PLANT PROJECT

Randall gave a committee meeting report on the proposed water plant projects. The committee has decided on the top three priorities and will be meeting with the engineers to discuss the best way to proceed.

STREET CLOSINGS

Hegwald reported he had been approached by the county appraiser's office regarding the possibility of closing streets in town that have been plotted but never opened. Closing of the streets would allow the land to be put back on the tax roll. Hegwald to prepare a list of the streets needing to be closed, starting with one section of town.

TRACTOR & MOWER

Boone reported he had been approached by the county road and bridge department on the possibility of trading or purchasing the tractor with the boom mower. The county has an air compressor that the water department has borrowed. It was the consensus of the council to start negotiations with the county by offering the tractor and boom mower for the air compressor and \$23,000 cash.

SEWER MIXER

Randall reported that the mixer at the sewer plant needs to be repaired. He presented two options from Douglas Pump Service, Inc.

Repair the mixer - \$2596.00 plus freight
New mixer - \$4995.00 plus freight

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to waive the bid policy to repair the mixer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to repair the mixer not to exceed \$2800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TAPPING FEES

Boone informed council that due to the rising cost of materials the city might want to consider raising the cost of water tapping fees. The committee to bring a recommendation back to council.

WATER & SEWER RATES

Discussion on water and sewer rates to be added to next agenda.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
CDBG – ADA**

Day gave an update on the CDBG project to cover the ADA requirements at the city park, ball field, and South Owl Lake.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Day, to enter into a 10 minute executive session with the city attorney for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential character and which is private. Motion carried unanimously. The session to include the city clerk. Council entered executive session at 9:13pm to reconvene at 9:23pm.

Council reconvened at 9:23pm.

**MAYOR COMMENTS
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER**

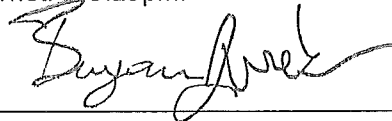
Weber appointed The Yates Center News as the official city newspaper. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Stuber, to approve the appointment. Motion carried with Day voting no.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$60,647.68. Motion carried unanimously.

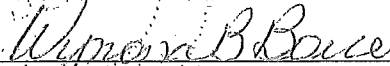
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:25pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved August 31, 2015