

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2011**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday April 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Wilhite called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call as follows: Randall, Bishop, Beecher, Black, Reser, Hudlin, and Weber. Absent: Stuber. Also present were City Attorney Constance Pebbles, City Clerk Becky Boice, and Deputy Clerk Joni Diver.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Mayor Wilhite asked that Judge Leo Gensweider swear in the newly elected Council members. They were Hudlin, Black, Beecher, and Weber.

Stuber arrived for the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Mayor Wilhite asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Randall would like to amend the agenda and add four items.

1. Update on Phase One of the Animal Shelter
2. Discuss plans for Phase 2 of the Animal Shelter
3. Repairs of the Fire Engine
4. Discuss ATV vehicle ordinances.

Reser would like to also add Tasha Rogers to the agenda. Reser made the Motion, Bishop seconded and carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Randall made a motion to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character and which is private, with no third parties present. Will reconvene at 7:28 pm. Motion was seconded by Hudlin and carried unanimously. Council entered executive session at 7:08 pm.

Council reconvened at 7:28 pm.

**LORENCE BARNETT**

Reser excused himself from the table. Mayor Wilhite called upon Lorence Barnett in reference to his plans and the possibility of building a new business in Yates Center. Barnett discussed his ideas. Barnett thanked everyone and left. Reser returned to the table.

**TASHA ROGERS**

Tasha Rogers spoke to the city council. She has bought Town Square Flowers and would like the city to help with incentives. Reser made a motion to give Town Square Flowers one year of free water and also to approve the tax abatements as long as they have one to five

employees. Bishop seconded and motion carried with Stuber abstaining.

#### **PUBLIC PARKS & LAND**

Pool Manager Carla Green met with City Council in regards to the city swimming pool. Black made a motion to purchase paint for the city swimming pool, not to exceed \$2000. Motion was seconded by Stuber and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Stuber to adopt the new Yates Center Employee Pool Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Black made a motion to adopt the Pool Manager's Manual. Motion was seconded by Bishop and carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the property at 202 E Washington.

Black made a motion for Randy Hegwald, Parks Worker to fill the fish feeders. Motion is that he will work four extra hours every other week in addition to the regular 8-10 hours per week for the Parks Season. Stuber seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Black also advised the council of the approval on the KDHE Grant for picnic tables and park benches. Black encouraged everyone to drive around South Owl Lake and see the play equipment that the Street Dept. is putting together.

#### **SAFETY**

Randall discussed Phase One of the Animal Shelter. It should be finished by the end of the month. Randall asked the Council's opinion as to what Phase Two should consist of. Other items discussed included repair work for the fire engine and putting something in the paper to remind everyone of the ATV ordinances.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Beecher told the Council that the chemical pump at the reservoir is 50 years old and needs to be replaced. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Weber to let Water Superintendent Jim Lomon buy a new water pump not to exceed \$1500. Motion carried unanimously.

Beecher presented a Change Order on the Sewer Line Project. Motion was made by Beecher and seconded by Weber to approve the Change Order #2 in the amount of \$13356.00 and to allow the Mayor to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was also held on the price of oil for work on the roads.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Reser made a Motion to continue the tax incentive for Dollar General. Motion was seconded by Bishop and carried unanimously.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Discussion was held on guide lines for the Economic Development Grant. This was as to rather to expand on it or leave it as is. This was tabled until after they decide on the Sales Tax issue.

**CITY ATTORNEY PEEBLES**

City Attorney Constance Peebles told the Council what she has been able to find out on the railroad right away. She will continued working on this.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

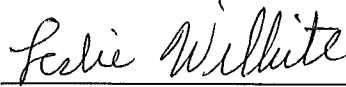
Mayor Wilhite informed the Council that they were having training on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Capital Plaza in Topeka and would encourage any of them to attend if able. Mayor Wilhite also would like to have a work session after the meeting is adjourned tonight.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$156,436.68. Motion carried unanimously.

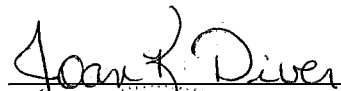
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and Council adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Joan K Diver, Deputy City Clerk

Approved May 2, 2011

