

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Reser added a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel under safety.

Beecher added a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel under public works.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Reser, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

SHAUN MCGOWAN

Shaun McGowan was present to ask the council if they were still interested in selling the lot across from Prairie Villa Apartments. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to table the decision for two weeks and assured McGowan they would make a final decision at that time.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mikulka had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
COLA RAISES**

The cost of living raises was moved to the bottom of the agenda.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Jones, to agree to the letter of engagement from Agler & Gaeddert for the 2015 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Randall informed council that Heather Bauer, the Animal Control Officer for the city has resigned. Howard Randall is filling in until the position can be advertised. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to advertise for the position of Animal Control Officer. Motion carried unanimously. Applications due by 5:00pm, Monday, February 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the city attorney present, because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:29pm, to reconvene at 7:44pm.

Council reconvened at 7:44pm.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Day, to continue the executive session for an additional 10 minutes for the same reason with the city attorney present. Motion carried unanimously. Council re-entered into executive session at 7:45pm, to reconvene at 7:55pm.

Council reconvened at 7:55pm.

Stuber requested an executive session be added to the agenda for the next meeting under the safety committee.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WATER RATE INCREASE**

Discussion was held on the need to increase the water rates. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber to increase the water rates by 1 ½%. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Discussion was held on the need to increase the sewer rates. Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber, to increase the sewer rates by 1 ½%. Motion carried unanimously.

RAW WATER SALES S OWL LAKE

Boone explained to council he had been approached by a contractor bidding on the overpass project east of town wanting to buy bulk water. Boone suggested selling raw water out of South Owl Lake at a reduced rate. After discussion involving how this would work with the Community Fisheries Assistance Program, and the potential cost of repairing the road due to heavy truck traffic other options were discussed. It was the consensus of the council for Boone to inform the contractor the city would sell bulk water at \$10.00 per thousand if he was interested and possibly install a hydrant on the water line east of town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Stuber, to enter into a 15 minute executive session for non-elected personnel with the city attorney present, because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered executive session at 8:19pm to reconvene at 8:34pm.

Council reconvened at 8:34pm.

WORK SESSION SET

Randall set a work session for Monday, January 26, at 6:30pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Beecher, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client to discuss matters of a confidential nature, including Hegwald in the session. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:35pm to reconvene at 8:45pm.

Council reconvened at 8:45pm.

FARM/HAY GROUND

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Day, to advertise for sealed bids the city owned farm and hay ground for the 2015 season. Motion carried unanimously. Sealed bids due by 5:00pm, Monday, February 2.

CITY MOWING

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Day, to advertise for sealed bids the mowing of city properties for the 2015 season. Motion carried unanimously. Sealed bids due by 5:00pm, Monday, February 2.

POOL MANAGER

Motion was made by Jones, seconded by Stuber, to advertise for the position of pool manager. Motion carried unanimously. Applications due by 5:00pm, Monday, February 2.

COLA RAISES

It was the consensus of the council to table discussion on employee cost of living raises until the next meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber was absent.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Day, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$75,601.84. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Jones, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:50pm.



ATTEST:

Wynona B Boice

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Shawn Randall

Shawn Randall, President of the Council

Approved February 2, 2015