

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 2, 2011**

The Yates Center Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Beecher made a Motion to amend the Agenda with Public Works accepting the second page bid of \$271,891.50. Seconded by Randall. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mayor Wilhite asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Reser made the Motion, seconded by Randall. Motion was approved unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Constance Peebles said that she had nothing to report. She is still working on the railroad situation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Reser made a Motion to enter into executive session at 7:03 for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character and which is private, with no third parties present. The meeting will reconvene at 7:35 pm. Randall seconded. Carried with one vote against by Black.

Stuber arrived at 7:25 pm and went into the executive session.

Council reconvened at 7:33 pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Discussion on the railroad is still in limbo. They will table this until they have more information.

**SAFETY**

Randall gave the Council members an update on the animal shelter. The fire truck is back from being repaired. Randall also gave them an update on the Police Dept.

Hudlin discussed purchasing six "Slow Children Playing" signs for East Madison Street. Since this was around \$180 no motion was necessary.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Beecher told the council that Phase 1 of the sewer line project is almost finished and they will be starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase. Motion made to accept the bid for Phase 2 for \$271,891.50 Bishop seconded. Carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS**

Black asked the Street Dept. how the playground equipment project was coming along. Black said that Mark Hobbs is asking about the property at 202 E Washington and wanting to place a sealed bid on it. Black made a motion to put the property at 202 E Washington up for sealed bids for two weeks. Will be sold to highest bidder. Stuber seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

**FRANCHISE CONTRACTS**

Reser said we need to check the leases and franchise agreements on some of the cities contracts and or properties.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Wilhite read a thank you note that the City had received. Mayor Wilhite said he was going to change some of the appointments around on the Council. Committees first name will be the Chairman. Appointments as follows: Administrative: Bishop and Reser, Public Works: Beecher and Weber, Safety: Randall and Stuber, and Parks: Hudlin and Black. Reser made a motion to approve the appointments. Bishop seconded. Motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously.

Reser made a motion to appoint Bill Lacy as the Judge for Municipal Court, seconded by Randall. Motion carried unanimously.

Reser made motion to appoint Constance Peebles as City Attorney, Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop made the motion for Susan Reser to be appointed City Treasurer. Randall seconded the motion. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

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Reser made the motion for the Yates Center News to be designated the official newspaper. Seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Reser made the motion for Yates Center Branch Bank and the Piqua State Bank be appointed official depositories of city funds. Bishop seconded and it carried unanimously.

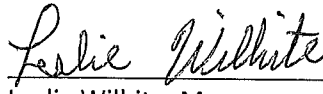
Reser made a motion for Randall to be made President of the City Council. Bishop seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Randall abstaining.

Reser made a motion to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$85,645.69. Seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

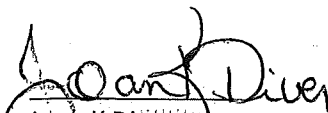
Mayor Wilhite announced that they will be having a work session Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:30 at the fire station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Randall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:00 pm.

  
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Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

**ATTEST**

  
Joan K. Diver

