

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on October 15, 2012 at 7:00pm at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wilhite called the meeting to order. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Day, Beecher, Black, Bishop. Absent: Weber and Stuber. Other city officials present included City Attorney Constance Peebles, Water/wastewater worker Eric Boone, Police Officer Tony Bauer, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Beecher, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY
PEEBLES RESIGNS**

Mayor Wilhite read and accepted City Attorney Constance Peeble's resignation.

MIKULKA APPOINTED

Mayor Wilhite appointed Tom Mikulka as City Attorney. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall to approve Wilhite's appointment of Tom Mikulka as City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor Wilhite presented 20-year service awards to retired Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jim Lomon and Water/Wastewater Worker Eric Boone. Service awards for firemen will be handed out at an upcoming fire meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

There was no committee report.

SAFETY REPORT

Randall had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS
SEWER PROPOSALS**

Beecher presented several proposals from the city's financial advisor Bob Agler, to try to get the sewer funds back in order.

SEWER DEBT RELIEF ACCOUNT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to open a new, separate account at the bank. The Sewer Debt Relief Account would be used to make the payments to the state for the loan on the sewer plant. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER RES ACCOUNT CHANGE

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to change the amount of the water reserve transfer from \$6700 per month to \$1700 per month. The additional \$5000 per month to be placed in the Sewer Debt Relief account. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER SEWER REPLACEMENT TO SEWER UTILITY (\$48,000)

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to transfer \$48,000 from the Sewer Replacement fund to the Sewer Utility fund to get the fund out of a negative balance. The loan to be repaid by December 31, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

\$14,,200 SEWER TRANSFER

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to transfer \$14,200 per month from the Sewer Utility fund to the Sewer Debt Relief fund. Motion carried unanimously, with the transfers to start this month.

SEWER BASE RATE CHANGE

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to raise the base rate on the sewer rates from \$7.50 per month to \$10.00 a month for residential and \$22.50 per month to \$25.00 per month for commercial meters. Increase to start as soon as possible. Motion carried with Reser voting no.

Beecher reminded council that the measures being taken tonight are a "band-aid" and further steps would need to be taken after the first of the year.

KLINK GRANT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to table a decision on the highway KLINK grant approval for two weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

STUBER ARRIVED

Stuber arrived at 7:30pm.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS REPORT MARDI GRASS DECISION

After a short discussion, motion was made by Black, seconded by Reser, to table a decision on next years Mardi Grass until expenses and sales tax revenue could be reviewed. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Wilhite encouraged council member to attend The League of Kansas Municipalities Regional Supper in Neodesha on November 7.

POLICE MANUAL REVIEW

Wilhite presented council with the first half of the current employee policy manual. He requested that everyone read it and mark any possible changes they would like to discuss. A two hour work session was set for Monday, October 22 at 7:00pm.

WORK SESSION SET

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Reser, to approve the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$107,659.61. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:40pm.

Leslie Wilhite

Leslie Wilhite, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wynona B. Boice

Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved October 29, 2012