

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2017, at City Hall. The Pledge Of Allegiance was recited.

President of the Council Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Wiehn, Beecher Spoon, Bishop, and Stuber. Absent: Weber and Jones. Councilmember Day is now Councilmember Wiehn.

Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald, Chief of Police Lyle Kee, and Deputy Chief of Police Ken Leedy, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Beecher moved discussion on the ball field lights to the top of the agenda.

Bishop added a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client under safety.

Randall added bids for a welder/generator, update on street work, a five minute executive session for non-elected personnel, and discussion on a new employee under public works.

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 Wiehn, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

JIM FRY

Jim Fry was not in attendance.

BALL FIELD LIGHTS

Marvin Chrisman and Abbie Collins from the recreation commission were present to discuss new lights at the ball fields. Chrisman informed council they had received ball field lights from the City of Lawrence who, had received a grant for new ones. As part of the grant, the old lights were to be donated to help others. Items discussed included which fields to put the lights on, cost of having the lights installed, fundraising efforts, the county helping to fund recreation projects, where to store the lights until installed, and what to do with any surplus lights. Weber to attend a county commissioner meeting to discuss the funding. Chrisman to keep the council updated on the ball field light project.

WEBER ARRIVED

Weber arrived at 7:12pm and moved to preside over the meeting at 7:34pm.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan recommended notifying the Christian Church on a decision concerning moving the library to the Christian Church building.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

After discussion on options at the library, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to decline the gift offer of the building by the Christian Church. Motion carried with Beecher voting no.

BUDGET HEARING SET

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to set the 2018 Budget Hearing for Monday, August 21, 2017, at 7:00pm at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character with Boice, Kee, and Leedy also present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:48pm to reconvene at 7:58pm.

Council reconvened at 7:58pm.

SELL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Motion was made Bishop, seconded by Stuber, to allow the police department to sell surplus equipment by sealed bid. Kee to handle selling the items. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
SEWER PLANT MOTOR**

Boone presented three bids for an electric motor for a blower at the sewer plant:

Zimmerman's Electric - \$890.00
QEM - \$985.00
Grainger - \$2510.00

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Reser, to purchase a new motor from Zimmerman's Electric for \$890. Motion carried unanimously.

Boone to check into the cost of rebuilding the blower that quit working.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Reser, to enter into a five minute executive session with Boone present 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. Council entered into executive session at 8:05pm to reconvene at 8:10pm.

Council reconvened at 8:10pm.

WATER POSITION

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to advertise for a water/wastewater worker to replace a terminated employee. Applications due back by Friday, August 18, at 5:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET DEPT UPDATE

Randall and Hegwald reported to council on road repairs that have been done and other work scheduled for the street department. Hegwald also informed the council the street sweeper repair had cost \$232.

WELDER BIDS

Randall presented bids for a welder/generator for the street department.

Thompson Brothers – 3874.54
Airgas – 3533.24
Airgas – 4068.33

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Bishop, to purchase a LINK2857-1 welder from Airgas in the amount of \$3533.24. Motion carried unanimously.

WO CO EASEMENT

Randall informed council he had met with the Woodson County Commissioners on getting an easement for the sewer line repair work by the fairgrounds. The commissioners had agreed to the easement with Duncan to prepare it.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
POOL HOURS**

The swimming pool hours for the remainder of the season were announced.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber announced he would be meeting next week with two businesses possibly interested in moving to Yates Center.

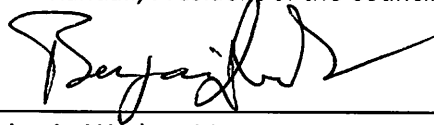
CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Bishop, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$58,372.91. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bishop, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:43pm.

Shawn Randall, President of the Council



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved August 21, 2017