

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2018, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Wiehn, Beecher, Shaffer, and Jones. Absent: Spoon and Cathcard. Other city officials present included: Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, Deputy Chief of Police Ken Leedy, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Randall added VFD Drive under public works.

Randall added part-time police officer under safety.

Weber added discussion on the airport under parks and public lands.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, 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 January 16, 2018, council meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018, special meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan was absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Reser tabled the ordinance on building permits fees.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to give the mayor the authority to sign the audit engagement letter with Agler & Gaeddert, Chartered for the 2018 audit. Motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION SET

Reser set a work session for Monday, February 12, at 6:00pm to work on updating the city code book.

**SAFETY
FULL-TIME OFFICERS**

Randall updated council that three applications had been received for the full-time police officer position.

PART-TIME OFFICERS

Randall announced that Mike Strode and John Stimatze will be working some shifts to allow days off for Smoot and Leedy until a full-time officer could start.

INTERVIEW FULL-TIME OFFICER

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to allow the safety committee to interview for a full-time officer. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE PART-TIME OFFICER

Motion was made Randall, seconded by Beecher, to allow the safety committee to interview and hire an additional part-time officer. Motion carried unanimously.

BUNKER GEAR

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to allow the fire department to purchase bunker gear as budgeted for not to exceed \$10,000. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

**PUBLIC WORKS
MAYER SEWER CLEANING**

Boone informed council he had contacted three companies for bids for sewer cleaning, but only received one bid back from Mayer. Randall requested discussion be continued at the next meeting.

EMERGENCY SEWER CLEANING

Boone updated council on the emergency sewer cleaning done in the 700 block of West Wilson.

DRYING BLOCKS

Boone presented two bids for drying blocks for the sewer plant. He recommended purchasing two different types and do a side by side comparison on which type worked best.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to purchase drying blocks from Roberts Water Technologies, Inc. not to exceed \$4200. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to purchase drying blocks from Gravity Flow Systems Southwest, Inc. not to exceed \$4600. Motion carried unanimously.

Randall requested that the remaining \$19,200 that was budgeted for drying blocks in 2018 be rolled over to next year.

BOOM MOWER SOLD

Randall announced that the boom mower had sold on Purple Wave for \$12,000. The money to be divided equally between the water department and the street department. When the mower was purchased each department paid 50% of the purchase price.

HAMMER FOR BACKHOE

Randall informed council he had talked with Hegwald and Boone on buying new equipment with the proceeds from the sale of the boom mower. The water department is wanting to purchase a hammer for the backhoe. Boone to provide more information at the next meeting.

LEACH FINISH PROBATION

Randall announced that water department employee Ethan Leach has completed his 90 day probation period.

VFD

Boone reported that the VFD for a water plant pump was unable to be repaired. He presented an estimate from J&C Electrical Solutions, LLC for a new VFD and installation in the amount of \$27,325.

BID POLICY WAIVED

After discussion, motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to waive the bid policy to purchase the VFD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Beecher, to approve the purchase of the VFD with installation from J&C Electrical Solutions, LLC not to exceed \$28,000 with the stipulation that a warranty of at least one year is provided. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
FISH FOOD**

Wiehn presented a bid for five tons of fish food for the lakes:

- Piqua Coop – Did not bid
- Yates Center Elevator – Did not bid
- SEK Coop - \$3794.00

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to purchase five tons of fish food from SEK Coop for \$3794.00. Motion carried unanimously.

POOL REPAIRS

It was the consensus of the council to have the water department fix the broken water pipe in the chemical room at the swimming pool, to be done by April 1.

OIL WELL AT S OWL LAKE

A brief discussion was held on the oil wells at South Owl Lake. Wiehn requested the item be left on the agenda for the next meeting.

AIRPORT

After discussion on several options, it was the consensus of the council to not put the former airport out to lease for hay this year.

HAY LEASES

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to put the city owned hay grounds out for lease. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

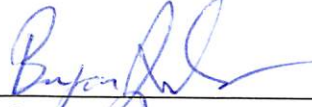
Weber had nothing further to comment on.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$75,932.45. Motion carried unanimously.

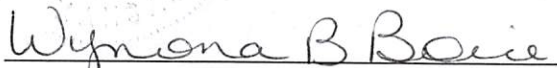
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Wiehn, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:20pm.



Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved February 20, 2018