

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 21, 2018**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Roll call as follows: Randall, Wiehn, Beecher, Spoon, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Absent: Reser and Jones. Other city officials present included City Attorney Brian Duncan, Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Spoon added discussion on code violations.

Beecher changed the executive session under public works from 10 minutes to 20 minutes.

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018, council meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**POPPY DAY**

Laura Sterling, President of the American Legion Auxiliary was present to pass out poppies to the council to be worn on May 25, to honor veterans. She also asked Mayor Weber to proclaim May 25, as National Poppy Day.

Weber proclaimed May 25, as National Poppy Day. Motion was made by Randall, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

**HATCH HEARING**

Katelyn, Linda, and Craig Hatch were present to ask for an extension on having a semi-trailer parked in their yard during an extensive remodeling project. The trailer is being used to store tools and building materials.

**RESER & JONES ARRIVED**

Reser and Jones arrived at 7:20pm.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard, to grant Katelyn Hatch a 90 day extension to allow the trailer. Motion carried with Reser and Jones abstaining.

It was the consensus of the council to make some changes in the existing ordinance concerning storage containers. The subject to be put on the June 18, agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
SPLECHTER'S PROPERTY**

Duncan updated council on information he had acquired concerning Tom Splechter's request to vacate a street that runs through his property by the industrial park. Council to visit with Splechter and adjoining property owners to obtain more information before making a decision.

**CMB ORDINANCE**

Adopting the CMB Ordinance was tabled for two weeks.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 1108**

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1108 for approval; AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN PART ORDINANCE 1095 RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF WEEDS AND GRASSES ALLOWED IN THE CITY BEFORE BEING A BLIGHT. WEEDS AND GRASSES MUST NOW BE KEPT AT A HEIGHT OF NO MORE THAN 6 INCHES. CITIZENS WILL NOW ONLY HAVE 3 DAYS TO ABATE THE SITUATION BEFORE CITY CAN ACT.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to adopt Ordinance Number 1108 as presented. Motion carried with Randall voting no.

**SOLID WASTE BOARD**

Mayor Weber appointed Randall and Reser to the Woodson County Solid Waste Board. Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to accept the appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY  
CODE VIOLATION HEARING**

Spoon clarified that if someone wants an extension on a code violation, a hearing request in writing needs to be given to the city clerk's office. The hearing will be held at the following council meeting.

**MIKE STRODE PD**

Spoon informed council that Mike Strode has been hired for one of the full time police officer positions and will start May 29.

**BUNKER GEAR**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to allow the fire department to purchase a set of bunker gear not to exceed \$2500.00. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**LIFT STATION IMPELLER**

Boone presented two bids for a lift station impeller:

Ray Lindsey	\$1165.29
Smith & Loveless	\$1165.29

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to purchase the impeller from Ray Lindsey not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIFT STATION CLEANING**

Boone presented three bids to clean lift stations:

UMC Utility Maintenance	\$2500.00
A-1 Jet Service	\$2400.00
Mayer	\$2200.00

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to accept the bid from Mayer in the amount of \$2200.00. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

**WATER TOWER INSPECTION**

After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to have Boone solicit bids for an inspection on the water tower.

**RADIO READ METERS**

After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to have Boone solicit bids for radio read meters and software to support it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a 20 minute executive session 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. Duncan to be included. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:38pm to reconvene at 8:58pm.

Council reconvened at 8:58pm.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to continue the executive session for an additional 10 minutes for the same reason with the same people present. Motion carried unanimously and council re-entered executive session at 9:00pm to reconvene at 9:10pm.

Council reconvened at 9:10pm.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to continue the executive session for an additional 10 minutes for the same reason with the same people present. Motion carried unanimously and council re-entered executive session at 9:01pm to reconvene at 9:11pm.

Council reconvened at 9:11pm.

**GREEN RAISE**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to raise Todd Green's hourly wage .50. Motion carried with Jones voting no.

**HIRE EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to advertise for a public works employee with applications accepted until position filled. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEWER PROJECT BIDS**

Boone reminded council that the bid opening for the Holloway Street Sewer Project will be Thursday, May 24, at 2:00pm at city hall.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
WALK-IN HUNTING**

It was the consensus of the council to not enter into a long term contract with Kansas Depart of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism for the walk-in hunting on the city property located on 120<sup>th</sup>.

**DELAY STADIUM**

The city was approached by an individual wanting to use Lincoln Park and Delay Stadium for an event he expects to have several hundred people attend. It was the city attorney's recommendation to have the individual purchase event insurance. Council to visit with the individual making the request before a final decision is made.

Wiehn thanked Todd Green and Chris Kuron for their work in helping to get the pool ready for the season.

Wiehn announced that Dallas Knowles, the seasonal parks worker has started. She requested any department needing his help to go through the parks and public lands committee.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

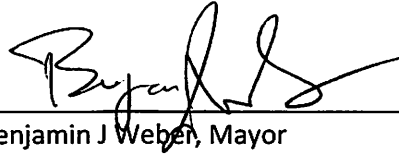
Weber had nothing to comment on.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$57,212.92. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:40pm.



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Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved June 4, 2018