

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 7, 2018**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2018, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Randall, Wiehn, Beecher, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Jones. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Water Superintendent Eric Boone, Street Worker Todd Green, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED

Beecher added discussion on signage at the industrial park under administrative.

Randall added Tom Splechter to the top of the agenda.

Beecher added a 10 minute attorney/client executive session under administrative.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

TOM SPLECHTER

Tom Splechter was present to request a road in the industrial park be vacated. Duncan to check into the matter and have an answer at the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan informed council he was on the agenda for the next county commissioner's meeting to discuss helping to cover the city while it is shorthanded on police officers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGNS**

Beecher discussed the need for signage at the industrial park. Wiehn also thought that the city parks and other facilities needed to have better signage. Beecher and Wiehn to check into different types of signs and report back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Reser, to enter into a 10 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character and which is private. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:38pm to reconvene at 7:48pm.

Council reconvened at 7:48pm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The committee also discussed code enforcement in regards to tall grass. It was the consensus of the council to keep a list of grass complaints at city hall until the police department was fully staffed to handle the violations.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

A budget workshop was set for Monday, May 14, at 6:00pm. Weber requested each committee to have as much information as possible ready on budget requests.

SAFETY

Spoon gave a police department update.

HARKRADAR RESIGNED

Spoon informed council that police officer Randal Harkradar had resigned.

A third officer hired would not be available until June 5. As of now, other than part-time personnel, Smoot is the only officer.

AUTHORITY TO HIRE

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to give the safety committee the authority to interview and hire how many full time police officers it takes to remain staffed at the chief and two full time officers. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WATER WORKER MARTIN**

Beecher informed council that Jonathan Martin has been hired to work in the water department and would be starting May 14.

STREET DEPT TRUCK BIDS

Beecher informed council it was the committee's recommendation to not purchase a truck for the street department. It was the consensus of the council to return the unopened, sealed bids to the dealers.

HEGWALD RESIGNED

Beecher informed council that Street Superintendent Randy Hegwald had resigned after 18 years and wished him the best.

STREET DEPT EMPLOYEE

It was the committee's recommendation not to hire another employee for the street department at this time, the water department will be helping Street Worker Todd Green as needed.

HOLLOWAY SEWER PROJECT

Boone informed council that the Holloway Street Sewer Project has been put out for bids.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
AIRPORT HAY LEASE BIDS**

Wiehn opened the bids for the former airport hay lease:

Randy Zimmerman - \$11.00 per acre
Bill & Joel Ireland - \$28.01 per acre
Mark Griser - \$30.33 per acre
Joseph Sanaie - \$32.10 per acre

RECESS

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Randall, to take a five minute recess to allow Boice to confirm the bid totals. Motion carried unanimously with council to reconvene at 8:31pm.

Council reconvened at 8:31pm.

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to award the bid for the former airport hay lease to Joseph Sanaie. Motion carried unanimously.

With the street department being shorthanded, Jones thanked the water department for their help with the restroom project at South Owl Lake.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber reported he had checked the water flow downstream of the Yates Center Reservoir and it was still running.

DAVIS LIBRARY APPT

Weber appointed Gary Davis to fill out the term of Ray Enright who has resigned off the library board.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the appointment of Gary Davis to the library board. Motion carried unanimously.

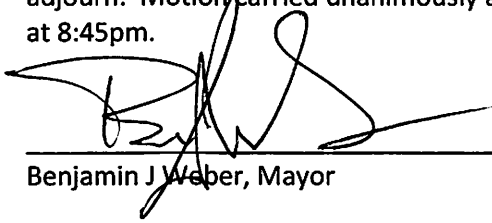
CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the claims and vouchers for April 23, in the amount of \$265,472.52. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the Claims and vouchers for May 7, in the amount of \$51,443.58. Motion carried unanimously.

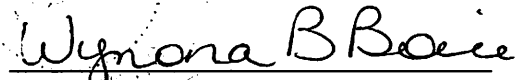
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:45pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved May 21, 2018