

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2018**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2018, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Wiehn, Beecher, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Jones. Absent: Randall and Spoon. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Supervisor Eric Boone, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, Police Officer Jenia Hanson, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Wiehn changed the UMC Pool Contract under Parks & Public Lands to a five minute executive session for attorney/client.

Wiehn added adopt Resolution Number 319 under Parks & Public Lands.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, 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 December 3, 2018, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
UNCOLLECTABLES**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to write-off water bill uncollectable accounts in the amount of \$7,558.92 for bookkeeping purposes. Motion carried unanimously. All uncollectables to be sent in to the state set-off program.

**SALES TAX TRANSFERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to allow Boice to make the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax transfers when the funds become available from the state. Motion carried unanimously. Amounts to be approved at the next regular council meeting.

**G&W 2019 CMB**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to approve the 2019 cereal malt beverage application from G&W Foods. Motion carried unanimously.

**BERTS 2019 CMB**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to approve the 2019 cereal malt beverage application from Bert’s Tavern. Motion carried unanimously.

**VACATION REQUEST FORMS**

After discussion on the employee vacation request forms that are currently used, it was the consensus of the council to leave the vacation request policy as is.

**SIDEWALK INCENTIVES**

Discussion was held on the possibility of the city helping residents that are replacing/repairing their sidewalks. The matter was referred to committee.

**ZONING**

Discussion was held on changing the zoning regulations. The matter was referred to committee.

**RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS**

Discussion was held on the ownership and liability of the railroad right-of-ways through town. The matter was referred to committee.

**CHAMBER UPDATE**

Cathcard gave an update on chamber Christmas light fund raising events, the adopt-a-child program, out-going and new chamber board members.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard, to enter into a 15 minute executive session in the council room for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:48pm to reconvene at 8:03pm.

Council reconvened at 8:03pm.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a 10 minute executive session in the council room for non-elected personnel with the city attorney 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 8:03pm to reconvene at 8:13pm.

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**4<sup>th</sup> POLICE OFFICER**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard, to allow the police department to hire a fourth full-time officer at \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER DEPT SHED REPAIR**

Beecher presented the only bid returned for repair work on the equipment shed behind the water plant:

Superior Building	\$2,125.81
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Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to accept the bid from Superior Building to repair the shed for \$2,125.81. Motion carried with Wiehn and Jones abstaining.

**BOONE RAISE**

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Shaffer, to give Eric Boone a .75 per hour raise starting in January 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**ST DEPT TRAILER**

Beecher presented bids for a flatbed trailer for the street Department:

Blue Valley Trailer Sales, Ft Scott	\$5,100.00
Double T Trailers, El Dorado	\$5,200.00
Trailer Super Store.Com	\$5,499.00
Blue Valley (used trailer)	\$3,900.00

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Wiehn, to accept the bid for a new trailer from Blue Valley Trailer Sales for \$5,100.00. Motion carried unanimously. Funds to come from the sale of the boom mower earlier in the year.

**WATER DEPT LAPTOP**

Beecher briefly discussed the need for a laptop for the radio read meter program before tabling the issue until next reading to allow Boone time to get more information.

**WATER METER ANTENNA**

Boone showed council how the new radio read antennas are installed on the meter pit lid.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a 10 minute executive session in the council room for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:36pm to reconvene at 8:41pm.

**MATCHING POOL DONATIONS**

The city asking for tax deductible donations for the pool, which will be matched up to \$25,000.00 by GN Bank was briefly discussed.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 319**

Duncan presented Resolution Number 319 for approval; a resolution establishing a levy not to exceed 3.5 mill, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed program of the Recreation Commission.

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to adopt Resolution Number 319 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**


Weber had no comments at this time.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

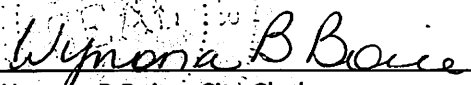
Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$98,992.96. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8-50pm.

  
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Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved January 7, 2019