

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2019**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at City Hall. The meeting was on Tuesday because of the holiday on Monday. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Wiehn moved opening the ball field lighting bids to the top of the agenda after Mike McCullough.

Wiehn removed farm land lease from the agenda due to it being under a three year lease.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019, minutes as printed. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

**CHARLY CUMMINGS
LAND MARKETING**

Charly Cummings and Cameron Roth were present to discuss different options on marketing city owned land if the city chooses to sell any.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to enter into a 10 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, with no third parties present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:18pm to reconvene at 7:28pm.

Council reconvened at 7:28pm with President of the Council Wiehn taking over the meeting.

**MIKE MCCOLLOUGH
AVAILABLE LAND**

Mike McCullough with the Yates Center High School was present to inquire if the city had any land available to donate to an as yet unapproved program for high school students to build a house on to sell. Council to check into the matter and give McCullough a decision by spring.

BALL FIELD LIGHTING

Weber returned to the meeting at 7:40pm.

Wiehn presented bids for ball field lighting:

J&C Electrical Solutions	110,159.04
Phillips Southern Electric	159,295.00
Douglas Skidsteer Service	112,236.00
Douglas Skidsteer Service	52,824.00

Weber excused himself from the table at 7:45pm and President of the Council Wiehn took over the meeting.

Wiehn informed council that at this time the bids were needed to have a dollar amount to proceed with securing financing. The bids to be turned over to the recreation commission for review.

Weber returned to the meeting at 8:00pm.

KYLE & MAGGIE OWENS

Kyle and Maggie Owens presented a proposal to purchase the city owned land on 120th Road for a total amount of \$84,240.00 with a \$10,000.00 check for earnest money.

120TH ROAD PROPERTY

After a lengthy discussion on rather or not to sell the property, motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Randall, to accept the proposal for the property on 120th Road.

Voting as follows:

Yes – Wiehn, Randall, Beecher

No – Cathcard, Reser, Spoon, and Shaffer

Motion failed. Spoon wanted it on record that the reason she voted no was because she felt that the property should be offered to the public before being sold. Reser agreed.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
STREET DEPT TRUCK REPAIRS

Due to the length of the meeting and someone being present who placed a bid, repairs on the street department truck was moved up on the agenda.

Boone presented bids for a new engine for the street department truck:

YC Tire & Auto (aftermarket engine)	\$5,912.20
Rockin JR's Repair (aftermarket engine)	\$5,564.20
Shepard Motors (aftermarket engine)	\$4,674.89
Shepard Motors (Ford engine)	\$5,440.30

Boone also said he had received one bid back to repair the engine and wanted to know if council wanted other bids for repair. Consensus of the council was not to repair the engine.

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Randall, to accept the bid from Shepard Motors for a Ford engine in the amount of \$5,440.30. Motion carried with Wiehn voting no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

As a safety item, motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to enter into a 10 minute executive session in the council room, 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 8:58pm to reconvene At 9:10pm.

Council reconvened at 9:02pm.

STRODE ASSIST CHIEF

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to give Police Officer Michael Strode the title of Assistant Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ZONING

Cathcard presented changes for the zoning setbacks in residential areas. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to have Duncan prepare the changes for approval.

CITY MOWING

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Randall, to solicit sealed bids for the seasonal mowing of city owned properties. The bid specifications the same as last year with the additional requirement of the contractor having to provide proof of work comp coverage in addition to liability insurance if awarded the bid. Motion carried unanimously. Sealed bids to be returned to City Hall by Friday, February 15, 5:00pm.

DISCUSSION ON LAND OPTIONS

Discussion was held on selling city owned property. It was the consensus of the council to not sell any property at this time.

Weber excused himself from the meeting at 9:30pm, President of the Council Wiehn presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**SAFETY
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Spoon informed council that the committee would like to make some changes in animal control procedures and are tabling discussion for a month. Randall to remain as animal control officer until then.

CODE MOWING

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to solicit sealed bids for code enforcement mowing. The bid specifications the same as last year with the additional requirement of the contractor having to provide proof of work comp coverage in addition to liability insurance if awarded the bid. Motion carried unanimously. Sealed bids to be returned to City Hall by Friday, February 15, 5:00pm.

SMOOT CONTRACT

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to sign Police Chief Doug Smoot to a one year employment contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
VACATE ALLEY**

Duncan explained to council he had received a request to vacate an alley. It was the consensus of the council to have Duncan prepare the necessary paperwork to start the procedure at the expense of the requestor.

TREE TRIMMING

It was the consensus of the council to have Duncan send a letter to the contractor who was previously awarded the tree trimming bid informing him that he would now be required to provide work comp in addition to liability insurance. It will be the contractor's decision if he will provide the work comp or would prefer the tree trimming contract be rebid.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
UMC CONTRACT**

Duncan informed council he will be preparing a contract to be approved at the next meeting with UMC for pool renovations.

POOL PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to advertise for the positions of manager, assistant manager, and lifeguards for the 2019 pool season. Applications to be returned to City Hall by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 12. Motion carried unanimously.

HAY LAND LEASES

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to solicit sealed bids for the hay leases on city owned property. The bid specifications the same as last year with the addition of "subject to sale" being added. Sealed bids to be returned to City Hall by Friday, February 15, 5:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

President of the Council Wiehn had no comments at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

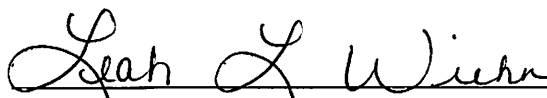
Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$74,625.50. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:44pm.


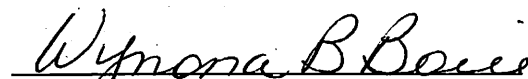


Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor



Leah Wiehn, President of the Council

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved February 4, 2019