

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 15, 2019**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2019, at City Hall. 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. One vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, Assistant Chief of Police Michael Strode and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Beecher added discussion on purchasing a fair premium under administrative.

Reser added Judy Laws at the top of the agenda.

Reser added the Woodson County Chamber/OPT after Laws on the agenda.

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 Randall, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

CUMMINGS & VAUGHN ROTH

Charley Cummings and Vaughn Roth were unable to attend the meeting. Cummings had e-mailed the city attorney regarding the listing agreement. The matter to be discussed under parks and public lands.

JJ EDWARDS – REVITALIZE YC

JJ Edwards representing Revitalize YC was present to discuss with council the Kansas Department of Commerce's LOIS Program for buildings or land available for sale. It was the consensus of the council to have Edwards start the process to join the program.

Edwards also thanked council for the donation towards helping to cleanup around the town square.

JUDY LAWS

Judy Laws was present to ask council for clarification on the zoning requirements on a property in the south part of town. After discussion, Duncan to provide Laws with the requested information.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

Ashton Greer, Woodson County Chamber of Commerce Director was present along with representatives of the OPT to ask permission to use Lincoln Park, Delay Stadium, and the swimming pool on August 9-10 for a back to school party. Activities being planned include a barbeque cook off.

NO ALCOHOL POLICY WAIVED

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Beecher, to waive the no alcohol policy for Delay Stadium from Friday, August 9, 12:00pm until Saturday, August 10, midnight for the barbeque cook off. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan asked for a 10 minute executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Beecher, 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 and which is private. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:40pm to reconvene at 7:50pm.

Council reconvened at 7:50pm.

PUBLIC FUNDS CHECKING

Reser informed council that the city clerk had checked with the auditor and it was okay to transfer the city's saving account over to a public funds checking account to earn more interest.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to transfer the savings account only to the new Public Funds Checking account offered by GN Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

FIREWORKS

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to have Duncan prepare a change in the city ordinance regarding the times allowed to shoot fireworks to: in addition to July 4, allowing fireworks to be shot until midnight on any Friday and Saturday that falls between June 27 and July 5. Motion carried with Spoon voting no.

FAIR PREMIUM

It was the consensus of the council to allow Beecher to buy a fair premium not to exceed \$500.

SAFETY

Discussion was held on the previous bid submitted by H&H Roofing to repair the roof at the fire station.

FIRE DEPT ROOF

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to not accept the bid from H&H Roofing because of lack of a warranty on the repair. Motion carried with Wiehn voting no and Reser abstaining.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Beecher, to re-advertise for roof repairs with Fire Chief Gaulding to write the bid specifications and contact contractors. Motion carried with Wiehn voting no and Reser abstaining. Sealed bids due by 5:00pm, on Friday, August 2.

FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to apply for a 50/50 Community Development Block Grant for a Quint firetruck to replace the current pumper and ladder trucks. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

For public disclosure, Duncan announced that the city is asking the Kansas Department of Commerce for a waiver to allow City Council Member Carey Spoon to write the grant for a new firetruck through the Southeast Regional Planning Commission where she is employed.

PD TAURUS REPAIR

Spoon informed council of emergency repair work that was done on the police department's Ford Taurus.

111 E BELL PROPERTY

Discussion was held on the property at 111 E Bell that is in violation of the city code on nuisance property. It was the consensus of the council to give a 90-day extension as long as the property owner provides proof she is actively trying to sell the property.

PD BODY CAMERAS

Spoon requested body cameras for the police department be added to the next agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS

There was no public works report.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Duncan presented a standard listing agreement to sign between Vaughn Roth Land Brokers and the City of Yates Center to offer for sale the land on 120th Road.

LISTING AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to authorize the mayor to sign the listing agreement from Vaughn Roth.

After discussion, Wiehn rescinded her motion and Beecher rescinded his second.

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Beecher, to authorize the mayor to sign the listing agreement and Duncan to enter the reserve bid on the land and sign additional forms. Motion carried with Randall voting no.

MAYOR COMMENTS

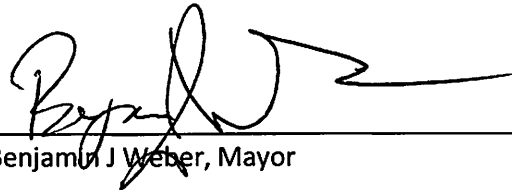
Weber expressed his opinion on the land being sold on 120th Road.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$152,294.04. Motion carried unanimously.

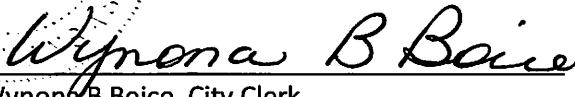
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Beecher, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:55pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved August 5, 2019