

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Reed, Wiehn, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Absent: Spoon and Beecher. One vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Shaffer removed Denny Marker from the agenda as he was unable to attend.

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 2, 2019, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

ZAPARA/ADAMS GOATS

Kristee Zapara and Tom Adams were present to discuss with council a code violation letter they received regarding the number of goats they have on their property.

After discussion, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, 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, with no third parties present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:20pm to reconvene at 7:30pm.

Council reconvened at 7:30pm.

A motion was then made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn that an objective finding had been reached on the code violation. Motion carried unanimously. Zapara and Adams will be allowed to keep the baby goats until they reach six months of age. The adult goats must be removed by January 8, 2020 and only the correct number per square foot allowed shall be kept after that.

JJ EDWARDS – REVITALIZE YC

JJ Edwards, representing Revitalize YC gave a report to council on the status of projects the group were doing, a grant they hoped to apply for and upcoming projects they hoped to start.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BERT'S CMB**

Reser presented a Cereal Malt Beverage Application from Tom Splechter Jr, d/b/a Bert's Tavern, for 2020.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage Application from Tom Splechter Jr, d/b/a Bert's Tavern. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE RAISES

Reser presented the following raises for approval that were discussed during the 2020 budget workshops:

City Clerk Becky Boice	22.00 per hour
Deputy City Clerk Sydney Hegwald	12.25 per hour
Public Works Director Eric Boone	22.00 per hour
Public Works Worker Jon Martin	13.00 per hour
Public Works Worker Amos Cagle	12.75 per hour
Public Works Worker Allen Hesse	12.50 per hour
Public Works Worker Chris Kuron	13.92 per hour

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the raises as presented to go into effect on the next paychecks. Motion carried unanimously.

SALES TAX TRANSFERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to allow the city clerk to make the end of the year sales tax transfers to meet budget requirements. Motion carried unanimously.



CHRISTMAS PARADE

Reser thanked everyone involved in organizing and participating in the Christmas Parade held on Saturday night. Everyone agreed it was a very successful event.

SAFETY

No safety report was given.

**PUBLIC WORKS
UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS**

Motion was made by Shaffer, seconded by Reed, to write-off \$10,678.94 in uncollectable water bill accounts for book keeping purposes. The majority of the amount to be sent into the state set-off program for collection. Motion carried unanimously.

CLLIP GRANT PAPERS

Shaffer presented agreements to be signed for the CCLIP Highway Resurfacing Project on the recently awarded grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Motion was made by Shaffer, seconded by Reed, to authorize Mayor Weber to sign the agreement for the CCLIP Highway Resurfacing Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Boone asked if council needed any explanation on the water complaints from Denny Marker. Council did not at this time.



**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
307 W KANSAS**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Shaffer, to instruct Duncan to prepare the bid packet to sell the city owned lot at 307 West Kansas. Motion carried unanimously.

DISPLAY OF DEAD ANIMALS

Discussion was held on the numerous complaints of hunters staying at the city campgrounds displaying dead animals. Duncan to check into the matter.

MAYOR COMMENTS

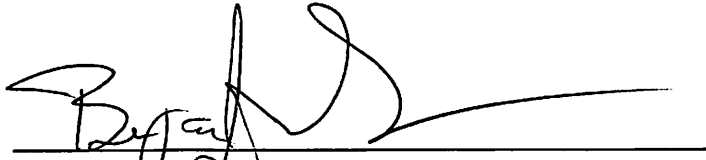
Weber had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$96,451.79. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:00pm.



Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor



ATTEST:
Wynona B Boice

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved January 6, 2020

