

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met at City Hall in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President of the Council Wiehn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Wiehn, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Morrison. Absent: Weber and Reed. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Superintendent Eric Boone, Police Officer Vinson Baker, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Wiehn moved the discussion on dam repairs at South Owl Lake to after Mark Leedy on the agenda. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Morrison, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Spoon and Cathcard abstaining.

**MARK LEEDY**

Mark and Ken Leedy were present to discuss with council an issue with a water meter at their property. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to have Leedy bring in an estimate of damage for council to review.

**SOUTH OWL LAKE DAM REPAIRS**

Justin Morrison, with Kansas Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, was present to discuss with council repair work needed on the dam at South Owl Lake. It was the consensus of the council to discuss the project with the engineer who is awarded the bid for the dam inspection at the Yates Center Reservoir.

**CITY ATTORNEY  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a five-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 7:34pm to reconvene at 7:39pm.

Council reconvened at 7:39pm.



**WEBER ARRIVED**

Mayor Weber arrived at 7:39pm and presided the rest of the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY APPT**

Weber tabled the appointment to the Housing Authority until the next meeting.

**WORK COMP REQUIREMENT**

A brief discussion was held on the requirement for contractors working for the city to carry work comp coverage. Duncan to check into the option of having the contractor sign a waiver.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to give the Mayor the authority to sign the First Impressions Community Application for Revitalize YC, as discussed in a prior meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**BENCHES AROUND SQUARE**

Duncan informed council he still needed more information on the benches that Revitalize YC would like to put around the square. Boone to take measurements on the sidewalk and Duncan to have the ordinance for the next meeting.



**AGENDA REQUEST**

Reser presented a form for citizens to sign who want to be on the agenda. This information would be forwarded to council before the meeting to give them time to find out more details or try and solve the issue through committees. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the agenda request form with the addition of a five-minute time limit. Motion carried unanimously.

**WELCOME INFORMATION**

Reser presented an information sheet to give to new water customers when they have water turned on or to anyone with questions regarding basic city information and ordinances. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to make the information brochure available. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY HALL KITCHEN**

Different options were discussed to repair the water damage from the water heater leak at City Hall. Cathcard to have two mid-range price options available at the next meeting.

**SAFETY  
FAIR HOUSING**

Cathcard announced that the city would be fulfilling the fair housing CDBG requirements for the swimming pool and fire truck grants with “Know Your Rights – Fair Housing Facts” posters.

**PD/FD GRANT**

Cathcard asked for permission to apply for a 25/75 grant from USDA Rural Development for equipment for the police and fire departments. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Spoon, to authorize Weber and Boice to sign the application for the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
EARTH DAY PROJECT**

Wiehn informed council she had visited with Karl Hamm, and the high school would like to do a community service clean-up project in conjunction with Earth Day, on April 22. She would update council as more information becomes available. It was the consensus of the council they would like to help.

**SNOW ROUTES**

Discussion was held on how the no parking on snow routes after 2” of snow was affecting the customer parking on the square. Duncan to prepare an amendment to the ordinance regarding the times the ordinance would be in effect for the square and one block off each side of the square.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
HIRE POOL PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to give the parks and public lands committee the authority to interview and hire pool personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAM INSPECTION**

Wiehn opened the three bids received for the state required dam inspection at the Yates Center Reservoir:

Agricultural Engineering Associates	\$2,000.00
Wilson & Company	\$2,495.00
BG Consultants	\$3,000.00

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Morrison, to accept the bid from Agricultural Engineering Associates in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Weber had no comments at this time.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$136,220.53. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:05pm.



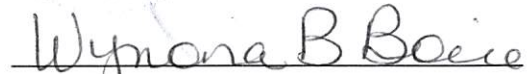
Leah Wiehn, President of the Council



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved March 16, 2020