

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2020. The meeting was moved to the Woodson County Ambulance Barn, 114 N Main, to allow for social distancing because of COVID-19. The public was notified by a sign posted at City Hall. 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, and Cathcard. Absent: Weber, Reed, Shaffer, and Morrison. Other public officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Chief of Police Doug Smoot, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – USDA**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to open the public hearing required for the USDA grant for police and fire equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment or further discussion held on the grant.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to close the public hearing required for the USDA grant for police and fire equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CASA PROCLAMATION**

Wiehn presented a proclamation from CASA proclaiming April, 2020, as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to allow President of the Council Wiehn to sign the proclamation as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**COVID-19**

Council discussed concerns regarding COVID-19.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 334**

Duncan presented Resolution Number 334 for approval; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; TEMPORARILY EXPANDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND RATIFYING PREVIOUS DECISIONS REGARDING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Resolution Number 334 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY  
CUNNINGHAM RESIGNATION**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to accept the resignation of Police Officer John Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Spoon, to suspend municipal court as long as district court is suspended due to COVID-19. Motion carried unanimously.

**USDA GRANT  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 335**

Duncan presented Resolution Number 335 for approval; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS, ADOPTING THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THOSE REGULATIONS OF USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPEARING IN TITLE 7, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 1942.18 (J) THRU (K), PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE FUNDS DERIVED FROM LOANS MADE OR INSURED BY, OR GRANTS MADE BY, THE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT INVOLVED, PRIOR CONSENT OR APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AS PROVIDED IN SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Resolution Number 335 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
ELECTRIC GEARMOTOR**

Spoon presented quotes for an electric gearmotor that has burnt up on one of the clarifiers at the sewer plant.

Walker Clarifiers (new motor) \$5,133.33

Zimmerman Electric (parts & rebuild) \$1,400.00

Zimmerman Electric (new motor) \$1,913.55

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to purchase a new motor from Zimmerman Electric for \$1,913.55. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSE PUBLIC & RV PARKS**

Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, discussion was held on closing the public parks and playgrounds. Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Stewart, to have Duncan prepare a resolution to close the following public property:

- Lincoln Park
- Playground at South Owl Lake
- Playground at Kluender Field
- Shelter house at Yates Center Reservoir
- Picnic Tables at South Owl Lake
- Pocket Park on the square
- South Owl Lake RV Park
- Hay Capital RV Park


Motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$311,643.08. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:52pm.



Leah Wiehn, President of the Council

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Minutes approved April 20, 2020