

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 18, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Reed, Wiehn, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Morrison. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Reser added setting a budget workshop under administrative.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

CODE HEARING

Reser presented a letter from the property owner at 211 E Washington requesting an extension to bring the property into code compliance. After discussion, it was the consensus of the council to give an extension until June 1, 2020.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE UPDATE**

Cathcard gave an update on the property at 402 E Ray that is not in code compliance. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to allow the property owner until June 14, 2020, to bring the property into code compliance. Motion carried with Reed, Stewart, Cathcard, Shaffer and Morrison voting yes and Wiehn, Spoon, and Reser voting no.



2019 AUDIT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to accept the 2019 audit as previously presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY HALL KITCHEN

Reser updated council that they would be making recommendations on repairs to the kitchen at city hall that was damaged from a leaking water heater, as soon as the options were narrowed down by the committee.

CHAMBER UPDATE

Wiehn updated council on the postponement of Yates Center Days due to COVID-19.

CDBG-CV

A public hearing was set for Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 7:00pm, at the Woodson County Ambulance Barn, 114 N Main, for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the CDBG-CV category. The specific project application to be discussed is for Economic Development and Micro Grants within the city limits of Yates Center. The maximum amount of the grant request will be for \$300,000.00 for business assistance. No matching funds from the City would be required.



PRIVATE POOL REGULATIONS

Discussion was held on current zoning regulations for private pools. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to remove Article 27, Section 27-109 (E) (2) (e) from the zoning regulations; requiring the pool have a protective enclosure and locked gates when not tended by a qualified and responsible person. Motion carried with Stewart voting no.

It was the consensus of the council to enforce Article 27, Section 27-108 (2) (a) from the zoning regulations; not allowing a pool to be placed in the front yard of a property.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1130

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1130 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 2, ADDING SECTION 2-209 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, PICKETING OF ANIMALS.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Ordinance Number 1130 as presented. Motion carried with Cathcard voting no.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1131

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1131 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 1, ADDING SECTION 2-122 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, CONTAINMENT OF CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to adopt Ordinance Number 1131 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1132

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1132 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 1, ADDING SECTION 2-123 TO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KEEPING OF BEES.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to adopt Ordinance Number 1132 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

A budget workshop was set for Monday, June 8, 2020, at 6:00pm, at the Woodson County Ambulance Barn, 114 N Main.

**SAFETY
TICKETS/DIVERSIONS**

Cathcard requested the police department be allowed to write tickets through municipal court instead of district court for certain jailable offenses and to allow a diversion program to be set up for these offenses.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to allow the request upon the reopening of the Woodson County Jail. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1133

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1133 for approval; AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 14-205 REGARDING PARKING AROUND DOWNTOWN SQUARE OF CITY.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1133 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

BURN PERMITS

Discussion was held on changing the city three-day burning permit to an annual permit. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to have Duncan prepare an ordinance for an annual burning permit. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
SELL ZIPPER**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to allow Boone to sell the asphalt zipper. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOX CULVERTS
WAIVE BID POLICY**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to waive the bid policy and work with Wilson & Company on getting a cost estimate for two box culvert projects. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER TOWER PROJECT

After discussion, Spoon removed asking for permission for an updated engineer estimate for the water tower project from the agenda.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1134

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1134 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1036 REGARDING SNOW ROUTES AND PARKING DURING BUSINESS HOURS ON THE SQUARE AND FOR ONE BLOCK IN EVERY DIRECTION.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Wiehn, to adopt Ordinance Number 1134 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
S OWL LAKE DAM REPAIRS**

Boone gave a brief update on possible repairs needed on the dam at South Owl Lake. He hoped to have more information at the next meeting.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Weber appointed Teri Black to the Yates Center Library Board.

BLACK – LIBRARY BD

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to approve the appointment of Teri Black to the Yates Center Library Board. Motion carried with Wiehn abstaining.

ROGERS – LIBRARY BD

Weber appointed Katie Rogers to the Yates Center Library Board.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the appointment of Katie Rogers to the Yates Center Library Board. Motion carried with Wiehn abstaining.

CHRISMAN – HOUSING AUTH

Weber appointed Venita Chrisman to the Yates Center Housing Authority.

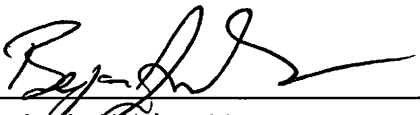
Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to approve the appointment of Venita Chrisman to the Yates Center Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$140,126.60. Motion carried unanimously.

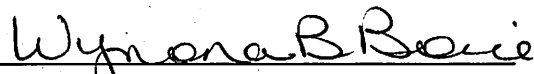
ADJOURNMENT

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



Benjamin Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved June 1, 2020