

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2020, 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, Reed, Wiehn, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Morrison. Absent: Weber. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Police Officer Vinson Baker, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Reser added a hearing regarding a fence issue with Juliana Strode and Jill Gillette.

Reser moved the executive session under administrative to the first of the committee report.

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 July 6, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Wiehn abstaining.

**JJ EDWARDS**

Edwards was not present. Wiehn asked that he be removed from the agenda until she can make contact with him.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the clerk's office, 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 7:06pm to reconvene at 7:16pm.

Council reconvened to the council room at 7:16pm.

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Council reconvened to the council room at 7:27pm.

**STRODE HEARING**

An administrative hearing was held on the fence installed in the right-of-way on the property at 111 E Mary. Brian Duncan represented the City, and Jill Gillette represented Juliana Strode.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 341**

Following the hearing, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to adopt Resolution Number 341; A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 111 E MARY IS IN VIOLATION OF THE YATES CENTER ORDINANCE NUMBER 976 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 987A SECTION 1., SUBSECTION 3.) A. 7, AND AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN NUISANCES CONTAINED THEREON. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY HALL KITCHEN REPAIRS**

The committee informed council that they had met and part-time employee Dallas Knowles would be demolishing the kitchen area in city hall to prepare to solicit bids to repair the damage from the water heater leak.

**SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

Reser informed council that Duncan was preparing a paper for applicants to sign on the sidewalk program.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 340**

Duncan presented Resolution Number 340 for approval; A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO YATES CENTER BY THE STATE OF KANSAS THROUGH THE STATE'S CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AND DISTRIBUTED BY WOODSON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR FUND DISBURSMENT.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Resolution Number 340 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY  
FIX-A-TICKET**

Cathcard explained a program the police department would like to start. An example would be if a police officer stops a vehicle with a tail light not working they could have it repaired and provide proof to the officer before the court date and they would only have to pay the fine and not the court costs. Duncan to work out the details with the police department and municipal court.

**BURN PERMIT**

Adopting the burn permit ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS**

Spoon requested discussion on the children at play signs be removed from the agenda until later in the year.

**LEND-A-TRUCK**

Discussion was held on the policies for the Lend-A-Truck Program and changes that needed to be made. It was the consensus of the council to let the committee make the changes.

**WAIVE BID POLICY**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Morrison, to waive the bid policy to purchase drying bed filter blocks for the sewer plant. Motion carried unanimously.

**FILTER BLOCKS**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Morrison, to purchase 500 drying bed filter blocks for the sewer plant from Robert Water Technologies, Inc. not to exceed \$11,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS**

Wiehn gave a brief update on the pool construction and reminded everyone that GN Bank was still willing to match up to \$25,000 in donations to go towards the new pool. Donations made towards the pool will be tax deductible.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Wiehn had no other comments.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$504,671.72. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:35pm.

*Leah L. Wiehn*

Leah L Wiehn, President of the Council

ATTEST:

*Wynona B Boice*

Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved August 3, 2020

