

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2020. The meeting was moved to the Woodson County Ambulance Barn, 114 N Main, to allow for social distancing because of COVID-19. 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, Police Officer Andrew Paasch, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED AND APPROVED

Spoon tabled hoses for the water plant pump under public works.

Wiehn added a pool update under parks and public lands.

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 Wiehn, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MARVIN CHRISMAN

Marvin Chrisman was present representing a committee that has formed to hold a memorial benefit for Nathan Black. He requested permission to use Delay Stadium on September 19. Plans so far included a corn hole tournament, food trucks, and a car show. The proceeds from the day to go towards a scholarship in Black's name or possibly toward a shelter house to be built at South Owl Lake in memory of Black.

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to allow the committee to use Delay Stadium, with the city waiving the no alcohol policy, and allowing the use of electricity with no charge. Motion carried unanimously.



S OWL LAKE DAM REPAIRS

Frank Young, with Agricultural Engineering Associates, and Justin Morrison, with KDWPT, were present to discuss the repairs needed on the South Owl Lake dam. After discussion, motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to allow Young to look into alternative repair options with engineering services not to exceed \$4000. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE UPDATE/RES 339**

Duncan presented Resolution Number 339 for approval; A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 402 E RAY STREET IS IN VIOLATION OF YATES CENTER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE 976 AND AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN NUISANCES CONTAINED THEREON.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Resolution Number 339 as presented. Motion carried with Reed voting no.



CHAMBER BD REP

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to appoint Eric Boone as the city's chamber representative. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY HALL KITCHEN REPAIRS

Reser tabled discussion until after a committee meeting could be held.

ATMOS WEBINAR

Shaffer gave a brief update on the recent Atmos webinar.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the meeting room, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:26pm to reconvene at 8:41pm.

Council reconvened at 8:41pm.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Reser gave a brief update on 2021 budget changes.

BUDGET HEARING SET

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to set the 2021 Budget Hearing for Monday, July 6, 2020, at 7:00pm, at Yates Center City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1135

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1135 for approval; AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO SIGN CONTRACTS AND ALL OTHER LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE MAYOR THEREBY BINDING THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Ordinance Number 1135 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL POSITION

The animal control officer position was briefly discussed.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Cathcard presented information on a sidewalk grant program he would like to see implemented. It would help property owners repair, replace, or level sidewalks that are parallel to the street. This program would allow for a property owner to be awarded a 50/50 grant up to \$750 per property. The grant will be first-come-first-served to qualifying property owners as long as funds are available. A \$25 sidewalk permit will be required.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Wiehn, to adopt the sidewalk program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
CROWN VIC REPAIRS**

Cathcard informed council that the police department's Crown Vic police car had blown a head gasket and needed extensive repairs. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to strip the Crown Vic of all equipment and sell the vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE OFFICER

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to give the safety committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire a part-time code enforcement officer to be under the supervision of the chief of police. Motion carried with Morrison voting no, and Spoon abstaining. Wages to come out of the police department's budget.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Spoon, to enter into a five-minute executive session, in the meeting room, for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel, because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Duncan to be included. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 9:02pm to reconvene at 9:07pm.

Council reconvened at 9:07pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Wiehn, to enter into a five-minute executive session, in the meeting room, for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel, because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Duncan, Boone, and Boice to be included. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 9:11pm to reconvene at 9:16pm.

Council reconvened at 9:16pm.



STREET DEPT POSITION

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to give the public works committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire a street department employee. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
OPEN PUBLIC RESTROOMS**

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Reser, to open the public restrooms at South Owl Lake and Delay Stadium. Motion carried unanimously. The restrooms to be opened as soon as staff is available to clean and stock them.

POOL FINANCING

Wiehn updated council that Duncan was working with the GN Bank attorney to finalize the financing papers for the city's cost share on the new pool. A special meeting will be called to sign the papers when they are ready.

WATERSEdge ADDENDUM

Wiehn presented Addendum Number 1 for the agreement with Water's Edge for engineering services on the pool in the amount of \$7600. Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Morrison, to approve the addendum as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

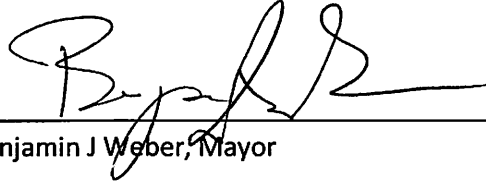
Weber had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$104,649.22. Motion carried unanimously.

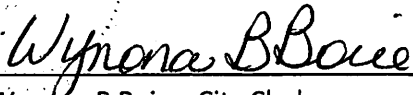
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Wiehn, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:30pm.



Benjamin J Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved July 6, 2020