

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2020**

Yates Center City Council met at City Hall in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Reed, Stewart, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Morrison. Absent: Wiehn and Spoon. 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

Stewart added update from the SEKMCHD on COVID-19 under safety.

Cathcard added a 10-minute executive session under safety.

Reser added ID badges under administrative.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, 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 March 2, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
WILHITE – HOUSING AUTH**

Weber appointed Les Wilhite to the Yates Center Housing Authority.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the mayor's appointment of Les Wilhite to the Yates Center Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

STEWART – HOUSING AUTH

Weber appointed Charyl Stewart to the Yates Center Housing Authority.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the mayor’s appointment of Charyl Stewart to the Yates Center Housing Authority. Motion carried with Stewart abstaining.

WORK COMP REQUIREMENTS

Discussion was held on the requirement for contractors doing work for the city to have work comp coverage.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1127

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1127 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 13-110 TO ALLOW PRIDE BENCHES ON CITY SIDEWALKS.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adopt Ordinance Number 1127 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY HALL KITCHEN

Discussion was held on how to repair the damage in the kitchen at city hall from the water heater leaking. It was referred to the administrative committee for further discussion and bid specifications.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 333

Duncan presented Resolution Number 333 for approval; A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY TO BE AN OFFICIAL ENTRANT IN THE PRIDE PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR OF 2020.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Resolution Number 333 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ID CARDS

Discussion was held to make sure all city officials and employees have current emergency ID cards. Stewart and Boice to contact the emergency preparedness office.

SAFETY

PART-TIME PD OFFICERS

Discussion was held on hiring part-time police officers to help cut over time costs.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to enter into a 10-minute executive session in the council 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 also to be present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered executive session at 7:47pm to reconvene at 7:57pm.

Council reconvened at 7:57pm.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to give the safety committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire part-time police officers, that are already certified, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with no benefits. Motion carried with Reser voting no.

NO PARKING AROUND SQUARE

It was the consensus of the council to have Duncan prepare an ordinance eliminating the no parking around the square from 2:00am-5:00am on Monday – Friday.



GRANT FOR PD/FD EQUIPMENT

Cathcard informed council that the city had received an eligibility letter from the USDA on the grant enabling the police and fire departments to apply for a 75/25 grant for equipment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Morrison, to hold the required public hearing for the USDA grant on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 7:00pm at Yates Center City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to give Weber, Duncan, and Boice the authority to sign all paperwork regarding the USDA grant for police and fire equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1128

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1128 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 7-206 TO PROHIBIT THE BURNING OR USE OF A BURN PERMIT WHILE THERE IS A "RED FLAG" WARNING.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to adopt Ordinance Number 1128 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Stewart gave an update on Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 issued from the Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department.

**PUBLIC WORKS
EARTH DAY PROJECT**

The Earth Day Project with the Yates Center High School was tabled until further notice.

PART-TIME STREET WORKER

Motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Reser, to give the public works committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire for a part-time, seasonal street department worker, with hourly wages not to exceed \$10.50 per hour. Motion carried unanimously. Applications to be returned to city hall by 5:00pm, Monday, April 20.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1129

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1129 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 Morrison, seconded by Reed, to adopt Ordinance Number 1129 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Boone updated council that an engineer with Agricultural Engineering Associates would like to meet with city representatives to discuss options on inspecting and repairing the dam at South Owl Lake. Boone also to contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources on the matter.

MAYOR COMMENTS

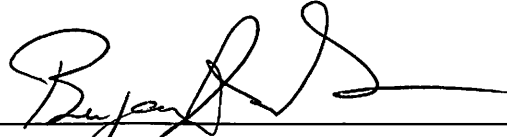
Weber had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Morrison, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$89,542.87. Motion carried unanimously.

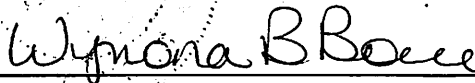
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:45pm.



Benjamin J. Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved April 6, 2020