

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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, and Cathcard. Absent: Weber and Shaffer. One vacant position. 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 under administrative: accept resignation from Mayor Weber, elect new president of the council, and adopt Ordinance Number 1146 regarding kennel licenses.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVITALIZE YC**

Revitalize YC representative JJ Edwards was present to give council an update on events planned, projects that are being worked on, and grants that the group will be applying for. Edwards also asked for a possible location to place a PRIDE sign.

**TOM HIBBARD**

Tom Hibbard was present to ask about possible business incentives for a new commercial business and asked if council had ever thought about developing housing areas.

**MARVIN CHRISMAN**

Marvin Chrisman was present with plans for a shelter house at South Owl Lake in memory of Nathan Black. The shelter house will be built by volunteers with money from Chrisman's fundraiser. Duncan and Chrisman to come up with an agreement on the shelter house specifics going forward.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan informed council he had spoke with the League of Kansas Municipalities on options the city has to restructure city council. Council requested discussion on the matter to be added to the next agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**W MADISON HOUSE CODE ENFORCE**

Reed agreed to take over the cleanup of the house on West Madison that was out of code compliance.

**FENCING/ZONING**

Reser tabled discussion on fencing and zoning regulations until the next meeting.

**WEBER RESIGNATION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to accept the resignation of Mayor Ben Weber. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR WIEHN**

Per state statue, President of the Council Wiehn takes over as mayor until the next election.

**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to elect Spoon as president of the council. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

**BANK ACCOUNTS**

Boice to contact the bank regarding the changes needed to the bank accounts.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 1146**

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1146 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-207 PROHIBITING KENNELS IN CITY LIMITS AND SETTING OWNERSHIP LIMITS ON DOGS AND CATS.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to adopt Ordinance Number 1146 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY**

**FIRE DEPT OVERHEAD DOOR**

**WAIVE BID POLICY**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart, to waive the bid policy for repair on the overhead door at the fire department. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to accept the estimate from Independence Overhead Door, Inc., to repair the door at the fire department not to exceed 1,200.00. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

**FIRE DEPT RADIOS  
WAIVE BID POLICY**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to waive the bid policy on purchasing five radio with mics for the fire department. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to allow the fire department to purchase five radio with mics from TBS Electronics, not to exceed 2,500.00. Motion carried with Reser abstaining.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
SELL WATER PICKUP**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to sell the #2 water pickup, as is, on Purple Wave. Motion carried unanimously.

**PURCHASE PICKUP**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to allow Boone to purchase a used pickup for the water department not to exceed 45,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRAHAN WATERLINE**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to authorize the mayor to sign the waterline agreement between the City and Thad Trahan for Mohawk Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER TOWER REPAIRS**

Duncan presented the contract between the City and Utility Service Co., Inc. for water tower repairs. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reed, to authorize the mayor to sign the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEASONAL ST DEPT EMPLOYEE**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to give the public works committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire a seasonal street department employee. Motion carried unanimously with applications due back by 5:00pm, April 16.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, for attorney/client privilege for the purposes of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:20pm, to reconvene at 8:30pm.

Council reconvened at 8:30pm.

**CHEMICAL PUMP**

Spoon presented three bids for a chemical pump at the water plant:

Brenntag	810.00
USA BlueBook	829.95 + shipping
<a href="http://www.neobits.com">www.neobits.com</a>	1,356.98 + shipping

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart, to purchase the chemical pump from Brenntag for 810.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRAHAN AMENDMENT**

After further negotiations with Thad and Hana Trahan, motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reed, to amend the agreement on the Mohawk Road waterline to state: The city will split the cost of the pipe 50/50 at .70 per foot up to 1,000 feet of pipe, with the city's share not to exceed 350.00, and also adding: after the water line is installed and in service the land owner will give ownership and maintenance of the water line to the City of Yates Center. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS**

No report was given.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Wiehn announced she would be making annual appointments at the next meeting.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of 118,702.33. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn.

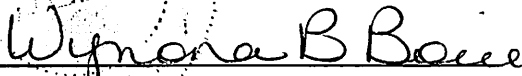
Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:48pm.



*Leah L. Wiehn*

Leah L. Wiehn, Mayor

ATTEST:



*Wynona B. Boice*

Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved April 7, 2021