

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 3, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wiehn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reser, Reed, Stewart, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Absent: Spoon. Two vacant positions. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Vinson Baker, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Cathcard tabled number one under public works until the next meeting.

Cathcard added signs on the highway during construction under public works.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2021, special meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY
COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
FRONT OF CITY HALL**

Duncan had nothing at this time.

Cathcard informed council of additional weather damage to the front of city hall that was found during the siding project. The soffit and fascia around the top of city hall is rotten and needs replaced.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to waive the bid policy for soffit and fascia repairs to the front of city hall. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to have Cathcard Construction repair the soffit and fascia to the front of city hall not to exceed \$6,000.00 with the city purchasing the materials. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

CITY HALL LIGHTING

Lighting for the front of city hall, along with options for Christmas lights was briefly discussed.

CITY HALL SIGN

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to give the administrative committee the authority to draw up bid specifications for a city hall sign and solicit sealed bids due back by 5:00pm on June 4. Motion carried unanimously.

SIDEWALK GRANTS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to accept sidewalk program applications for 2021. The grants will be awarded first come first served, that meet qualifications until the budgeted 10,000.00 is allocated. Motion carried unanimously.

Council also announced that anyone who was awarded a grant in 2020, but did not get it completed will be given an extension through 2021.

BERT'S TAVERN BUS INCENT

Reser presented a business incentive application from Bert's Tavern. After discussion, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to award Bert's Tavern \$5,000.00, providing all paperwork requirements are met. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ELECTIONS

It was the consensus of the council to advertise the city positions up for the 2021 election of the city's face book page to try and encourage residents to file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential nature. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:40pm to reconvene at 7:50pm.

Council reconvened at 7:50pm.

SAFETY
SPEED LIMIT SIGN – W WILSON

After discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer to have Duncan prepare an ordinance to install 15mph speed limit signs on West Wilson Street between Naylor Street and Wildcat Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

Cathcard asked that installing a yield sign at the intersection of Park and Ridge be put on the next agenda.

USDA GRANT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to give the safety committee the authority to contact USDA regarding a grant for public safety equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reser, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential nature. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:58pm to reconvene at 8:08pm.

Council reconvened at 8:08pm.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE SPEED

Cathcard informed council that the street department would be covering regular speed limit signs and posting new ones while they are working on the highways.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Wiehn reminded everyone of the Swimming Pool Open House on Sunday, May 16, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. No swimming will be allowed but residents can tour the pool area and the renovated shower house.

MAYOR COMMENTS

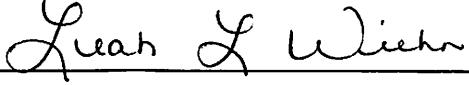
Wiehn had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$118,794.22. Motion carried unanimously.

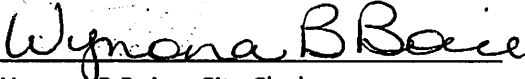
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:15pm.



Leah L. Wiehn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved May 17, 2021