

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 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, Spoon, and Cathcard. Absent: Shaffer and Cavender. 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**

Cathcard added tree ordinance discussion and removed speed limit on Kalida from safety.

Spoon tabled closing part of Naylor Street and added lift station repairs 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 Stewart, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021, special meeting as printed. Motion carried with Reser and Reed abstaining.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CDBG CLOSEOUT HEARINGS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to set the CDBG-CV Closeout Hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:00pm, at City Hall. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to set the CDBG Firetruck Closeout Hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:00pm, at City Hall. The hearing will be held immediately after the CDBG-CV Closeout Hearing. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

#### **ZONING WORKSESSION**

Setting a date for the zoning work session was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **CITY HALL SIGN BIDS**

Reser opened the one bid returned for a sign for the front of city hall:

CDL Electric	\$4,685.00
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Following a lengthy discussion, the decision was tabled until the next meeting. Boice to contact CDL to see if they will extend the bid price until the next meeting and also if they would have any suggestions on a cheaper option.

#### **S HEGWALD RESIGNATION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stewart, to accept the resignation of Deputy City Clerk Sydney Hegwald effective June 18, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **DEP CITY CLERK POSITION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to give the administrative committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire for the position of Deputy City Clerk. Starting pay \$11.00-\$14.00 depending on experience with applications due by 5:00pm, Friday, June 18. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SAFETY**

##### **TREE HEIGHT ORDINANCE**

Boone informed council that with the different dump truck, trees would need to be trimmed to 18' above the street to allow the streets to be chipped. Duncan to prepare an ordinance for the change in height.

Due to the change in height, it was the consensus of the council, that anyone who had received a notice and trimmed their trees to 14' in the last three years, and needs the limbs to be higher for road repair, the trimming would be done at the city's expense for this year only.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
ST DEPT TRUCK**

Boone explained to council that the street department's one ton truck is needing the front end repaired. He has talked with different repair shops and they are not in agreement with what all needs to be fixed. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, for Boone to get three quotes on the repair work and to use his judgement to have any work done not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to enter into a five-minute executive session in the council room, with the city clerk and public works director present, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:58pm to reconvene at 8:03pm.

Council reconvened at 8:03pm.

**LIFT STATION REPAIRS  
BID POLICY WAIVED**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to waive the bid policy for repair parts for the lift station that was damaged by a truck hitting it. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reser, to purchase the repair parts for the damaged lift station from Smith & Loveless, Inc. for \$13,188.35 + freight. Costs to be reimbursed by insurance from the truck that hit the lift station. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
CHRISMAN/BLACK DELAY ST**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to allow Marvin Chrisman to use Delay Stadium the weekend of September 11, for the Nathan Black Memorial activities and to waive the no alcohol policy for the stadium during the same time period. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOWING ON PIERS**

Discussion was held on people fishing at the lake who refused to move so the piers could be mowed. It was the consensus of the council to have Duncan prepare an ordinance to allow for tickets to be written if someone refuses to move for a few minutes to allow the pier to be mowed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Reser, to enter into a ten-minute executive session, in the council room, with Duncan and Boice also present, 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. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:13pm to reconvene at 8:23pm.

Council reconvened at 8:23pm.

#### MAYOR COMMENTS

Wiehn thanked the Woodson County Chamber and all of their volunteers for a very successful Yates Center Days.

Wiehn reminded council of the budget work session on Monday, June 14, at 6:00pm at City Hall.


#### CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$131,619.17. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:25pm.

ATTEST:

  
Wynona B Boice  
Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Leah L Wiehn  
Leah L Wiehn, Mayor

Approved June 21, 2021