

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2021, at the Woodson County Ambulance Barn to allow for social distancing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Wiehn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Reed, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Cavender. Absent: Reser. One vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Code Enforcement Officer Donna Davis, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Cathcard tabled discussion on the vehicle impound yard until next meeting.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Reed abstaining.

RESER ARRIVED

Reser arrived at 7:12pm.

KOSCHKE CODE HEARING

George Koschke was present for the code hearing he requested on being able to keep his trashcan container in the right-of-way. After discussion by Koschke and council, it was the consensus of the council to not allow the trashcan container to stay in the right-of-way.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
C GOODSON RAISE**

Upon completion of her probationary period, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to give Office Assistant Chelsea Goodson a .50 per hour raise. Motion carried unanimously.

J THOMPSON RAISE

Upon completion of her probationary period, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to give Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson a .50 per hour raise. Motion carried unanimously.

FARHA SIDEWALK GRANT

Reser presented pictures of Becky Farha's completed sidewalk for payment approval on the sidewalk grant. Having met all requirements, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to pay Farha \$240 on the sidewalk grant. Motion carried unanimously.

ARPA FUNDS

Reser reminded council to submit their requests for use of the American Rescue funds to the city clerk.

SERVICE AWARDS

Reser announced that three firemen would be receiving certificates and service awards at an upcoming fire meeting:

Michael Morrison – 10 years

Kyle Owens – 10 years

Allen Taylor – 40 years

SAFETY

J STAATS RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to accept the resignation of police officer Jaysic Staats. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER POSITION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to give the safety committee the authority to advertise/interview/hire a fourth officer. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

FEMA PROJECT

Spoon announced that the city has been granted a six month extension on the FEMA box culvert project on Reservoir Road. The project has to be completed by June 30, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reed, to enter into a 10-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. The city attorney also present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive at 7:26pm to reconvene at 7:36pm.

Council reconvened at 7:36pm.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to take a five-minute recess. Motion carried unanimously and council recessed at 7:40pm.

Mayor Wiehn called the meeting back to order at 7:45pm.

POOL SHADE STRUCTURES

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to solicit bids for pool shade structures with bids due back by November 1, 5:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Wiehn thanked Revitalize YC for doing a good job organizing the fall festival.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$78,179.50. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 7:50pm.



Leah L. Wiehn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved November 1, 2021