

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at City Hall. The meeting was on Tuesday, due to the holiday on Monday. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Reser removed Colleen Ortiz from the agenda.

Reser added discussion on closing streets for the Nate Black Memorial under administrative.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, 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 August 16, 2021, minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cavender, to open the 2022 Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments or questions from the public or further discussion on the budget from the council.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to close the 2022 Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 BUDGET APPROVED

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cavender, to approve the 2022 Budget as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 348

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Resolution Number 348; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan informed council that an error had been made by the City and that the special assessment for mowing on the property owned by Colleen Ortiz would be removed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BOONE SIDEWALK GRANT**

Reser tabled the sidewalk grant for Eric Boone until the next meeting.

QUACKENBUSH SIDEWALK GRANT

Reser informed council that Lewis Quackenbush has provided all the necessary paperwork for his sidewalk grant and the sidewalk had been inspected by city personnel and met the requirements. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the \$750.00 grant as awarded. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE COMPUTER

Reser introduced Donna Davis, the new code/parks employee.

WAIVE BID POLICY

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to waive the bid policy for the new computer for Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to purchase a laptop computer package not to exceed \$1,759.00 from Advantage Computer. Motion carried unanimously.

HARDY BUS INCENT

Wiehn presented the business incentive application from Hardy Fence. All required paperwork for the application was provided. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to award Hardy Fence \$5,000.00 towards improvements made. Motion carried unanimously.

BLOCKING STREETS

Reser informed council that Marvin Chrisman had contacted him regarding closing streets around Lincoln Park for the Nate Black Memorial on September 11. Public works to provide the barricades for closing the streets.

**SAFETY
STORAGE CONTAINERS**

A lengthy discussion was held on rather to allow the fire department to build a training facility out of shipping containers in the industrial park. The matter was tabled until the next meeting to check into other options.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1152

Cathcard presented Ordinance Number 1152; AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2021.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1152 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1153

Cathcard presented Ordinance Number 1153; AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2021; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1139.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1153 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WATER/WASTEWATER POSITION**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to give the public works committee the authority to advertise, interview, and hire a water/wastewater worker to replace Tytan Smoot who has resigned. Motion carried unanimously.

ST DEPT TRUCK AC

Cathcard presented two bids to repair the air conditioner in the street department truck:

SEK Coop	\$544.50
YC Tire & Auto	\$535.67

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to accept the bid from SEK Coop. Motion carried unanimously.

**IMPELLER
WAIVE BID POLICY**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to waive the bid policy on purchasing an impeller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to purchase an impeller from Smith & Loveless not to exceed \$1,275.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE DITCH BEHIND HS

Cavender informed council that the school would like to have the ditch and road repaired on Ray Street behind the high school. The school would be willing to pay for the ditch repair if the city is willing to repair the road. Boone to meet with school officials to discuss the project.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
POOL BATH HOUSE GUTTERING**

Discussion was held on needing to replace the guttering around the swimming pool bath house. Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to allow the parks and public lands committee to gather more information, write bid specifications, and to solicit bids for pool guttering with bids due back by 5:00pm on Friday, October 29. Motion carried unanimously.

SPRAYING ON CITY PROPERTY

Discussion was held on the mowing contractor using weed killer rather than weed eating. Reed to talk to the contractor regarding the issue.

MASTER PLAN BIDS RV CAMP

Bids were opened for the RV camp expansion master plan.

RECESS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to take a 10-minute recess to allow council to review the bids. Motion carried unanimously and council recessed until 8:45pm.

Wiehn called the meeting back to order at 8:45pm.

The following bids were received for the RV campground expansion master plan:

Schwab Eaton	\$4,900
BG Consultants	\$6,500
Agricultural Engineering Associates	\$6,950
Earles Engineering & Inspection	\$7,480
Wilson & Company	\$8,950
PEC	\$9,500

Motion was made by Shaffer, seconded by Cathcard, to award the bid to Schwab Eaton for \$4,900. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Wiehn had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$248,591.36. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:47pm.



Leah L Wiehn, Mayor



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved September 20, 2021