

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 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, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Absent: Cavender. One vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Code Officer Donna Davis, Police Officer Vinson Baker, and City Clerk Becky Boice. Incoming Mayor Justin Weston and incoming Councilmembers Amber Barney and Lyle Kee were also present.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Reser added a five-minute executive session with Jonathan Ireland for attorney/client under administrative.

Reser added discussion on a sign permit for Kendra Taiclet at 103 West Mary 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 November 15, 2021, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**EDITH SINCLAIR CODE HEARING**

Edith Sinclair was present by phone to contest the code notice she received for the dilapidated buildings at 500 East Rutledge.

Sinclair informed council of the improvements made on the property and asked for a two-year extension to repair/remove the dilapidated buildings.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to declare that Sinclair was in code violation with the dilapidated buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stewart, to allow Sinclair a forty-five-day extension, from December 8, 2021, to repair/remove the dilapidated buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
G&W'S 2022 CMB**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Application for G&W Foods. Motion carried unanimously.

**PETE'S 2022 CMB**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Application for Pete's of Erie. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAICLET SIGN PERMIT**

Reser presented a sign application for Kendra Taiclet at 103 W Mary. After discussion on the city and state's right-of-way, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Stewart, to approve the sign application contingent on the right-of-way and set-backs being followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**DONNA DAVIS RAISE**

Having completed her probation period, motion was made by Reser, seconded by Shaffer, to give Code Officer Donna Davis a .50 per hour raise. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Spoon, to enter into a five-minute executive session, in the council room for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Weston, Barney, and Kee to also be included in the executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:48pm to reconvene at 7:53pm. Jonathan Ireland was not present.

Council reconvened at 7:53pm.

**SAFETY**

No safety report was given.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 1154**

Spoon presented Ordinance Number 1154 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1142, INCREASING WATER RATES BY 4%. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to approve Ordinance Number 1154 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 1155**

Spoon presented Ordinance Number 1155 for approval; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1143, INCREASING SEWER RATES BY 4%. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reed, to approve Ordinance Number 1155 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTUATORS & COMPUTER**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to solicit bids for new valve actuators and a computer at the water plant, with bids due by December 17, 5:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**BACKHOE REPAIRS**

Spoon also informed council that the public works committee had authorized emergency repairs for the backhoe in the amount of \$974.54 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS**

No parks and public lands report was given.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Wiehn reminded everyone to attend the Festival of Lights on Saturday sponsored by the Woodson County Chamber of Commerce.

**CLAIMS & VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Reed, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$31,415.96. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Reser, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 8:10pm.



Leah L. Wiehn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved December 20, 2021