

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2022, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Barney, Reed, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender, and Kee. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Code Enforcement Officer Donna Davis, Police Officer Chris Bowman, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Spoon added discussion on BASE grant applications under administrative.

Shaffer tabled discussion on playground equipment at Lincoln Park.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Reed, 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 January 18, 2022, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Stewart and Kee abstaining.

KOSKE CODE DISCUSSION

George Koske was present to discuss a code violation he had received.

TOM DAVIS

Tom Davis was present to thank council for past support on the Birdies & Bluegrass fundraiser for Friends For Life. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to donate \$6,000 for fireworks for the Birdies & Bluegrass fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
PRAIRIE SPRINGS APTS

Spoon presented a business incentives application from Prairie Springs Apartments. All necessary paperwork was provided. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to reimburse \$1,273.64 in city property taxes and allow for free water only, up to \$3,000.00. Motion carried with Kee voting no.

ARPA FUNDS

It was the consensus of the council to have the committees return the requests for usage of the ARPA funds to the city clerk by March 31. The requests will be forwarded to the grant administrator to see if they qualify for the funding.

SPARKS FUNDING

Discussion on possible projects to apply for SPARKS funding was held at a work session prior to council meeting.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to apply for SPARKS funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for repair work needed in the pipe gallery at the water plant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to apply for SPARKS funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 as a match to apply for a CCLIP grant to resurface sections of Highway 75, south of the 54/75 intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to apply for SPARKS funding in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the South Owl Lake Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to apply for SPARKS funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 for handheld radios for the fire department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to apply for SPARKS funding in the amount of \$350,000.00 for Green Street Concrete Box Culvert Project. Motion carried unanimously.

706 S KALIDA

Duncan informed council that he would have the necessary resolution to abate the nuisance at 706 S Kalida at the meeting following a 30-day notification period of the owner.

HAMM REC COMM

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to appoint Karl Hamm to the YC Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

STRATMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Weston appointed Ed Stratman to the Yates Center Housing Authority. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to confirm Weston’s appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

BARNEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Weston appointed Don Barney to the Yates Center Housing Authority. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to confirm Weston’s appointment. Motion carried with Barney and Shaffer abstaining.

BASE GRANT

Spoon informed council that she had been contacted by Revitalize YC to see if the city would be interested in applying for a BASE grant. Cathcard requested it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

**SAFETY
FIRST RESPONDER COVID POLICY**

Cathcard presented an addition to the employee covid policy relating to first responders. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to add the change as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
BIDS TO REPAIR SPILLWAY**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to solicit bids for repairing the spillway dam at the Yates Center Reservoir, using the specifications drawn up by Agricultural Engineering. Bids to be returned by 5:00pm, Friday, March 18. Motion carried unanimously.

BOX CULVERT BIDS

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to authorize Wilson & Company to solicit bids to replace the box culvert on Reservoir Road. Bids to be returned by 5:00pm, Friday, March 18. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR COMMENTS
DUNCAN CITY ATTORNEY**

Weston appointed Brian Duncan as City Attorney. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to approve Weston's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

LACY MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Weston appointed William Lacy as Municipal Judge. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to approve Weston's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

Weston appointed GN Bank and Piqua State Bank as the official city depositories. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer, to approve Weston's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Weston appointed The Yates Center News as the official city newspaper. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart, to approve Weston's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Weston appointed the following council committees:

Administrative – Kee (chair), Shaffer, Barney, Spoon

Safety – Cathcard (chair), Reed, Stewart, Cavender

Public Works – Spoon (chair), Barney, Stewart, Kee

Parks & Public Lands – Reed (chair), Shaffer, Cathcard, Cavender

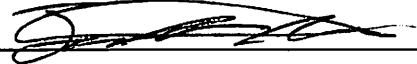
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve Weston's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$262,599.34. Motion carried unanimously.

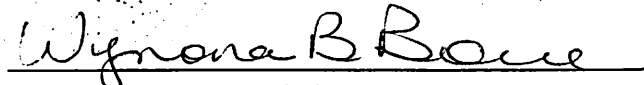
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:10pm.



Justin W Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved February 22, 2022