

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2022, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Spoon added 10 minute executive session for non-elected personnel under Public Works.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, 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 March 21, 2022, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
PROCLAMATION**

Representatives from CASA 31st Judicial District, Hope Unlimited and Kansas Children's Service were present to present a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month for the month of April and asked if the Mayor would be willing to sign and proclamation.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

LOIS-GARY MORRIS

Gary Morris was present representing Revitalize YC for the Location One (LOIS). This is a website that shows commercial property that is for sale. After his presentation, it was the consensus of council that this would be a good tool for the City to utilize. City Clerk to send Gary Morris the email information.

**CITY ATTORNEY-BOWLING
ALLEY SIDEWALK**

Duncan has been contacted by Chris Lutz about the condition of The sidewalk in front of the bowling alley. After some discussion, motion was made by Cathcard to change the sidewalk grant application to include 8 foot sidewalks around businesses. This was seconded by Kee and motion carried unanimously.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN**

Spoon presented an artist’s rendition of the Industrial Park sign. No decision was made as the location has not been determined as of yet.

**AUDIT MANAGEMENT
REPRESENTATIVE LETTER**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to authorize the Mayor to sign the Audit Management Representative letter. Motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL SHELTER WORK

Fresh rock around the pens is needed as well as a gutter on the south end. Council requested street department scoop around the pens and then put the rock down. Decision on a gutter will be at a later date.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE CORRECTING
WARD DIVISION WORDING**

After discussing the Ward division wording, this was tabled until the next meeting.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL
CONTROL OFFICER**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon to authorize the Administrative committee advertise, interview and hire for the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. Motion carried unanimously.



SAFETY

Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC WORKS
DAM SPILLWAY REPAIR BID**

The bid from TS Construction was amended with the number of loads which was 25-30 and not to exceed 38. Bid total was \$26,800 plus \$400 per load. This brings the bid not to exceed \$42,000. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Stewart to accept bid with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

CLEAN UP DAY

After some discussion, motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer to set Sunday, May 8, 2022 as clean up day. Street department will pick up allowed items during the week of May 9th. Items allowed to be picked up will be posted on Facebook as well as printed in the paper. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRECTING WATER RATES
WORDING**

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee to adopt Ordinance 1160 correcting the water rates wording. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer to enter into a 10 minute executive session, in the council room for the purpose of discussing 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 session at 8:01 pm to reconvene at 8:11 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:08 pm and motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer to offer Rodney Ryther the lead position of the street department with a 60 day probation period. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
VEHICLE DISCUSSION**

Reed brought up the possibility of purchasing a mid-size truck for no more than \$10,000 for use in multiple departments along with the current truck used for code, parks and animal control. No decision made.

PARKS WORKER

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Reed, seconded by Cathcard to advertise, interview and hire a part-time parks worker. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

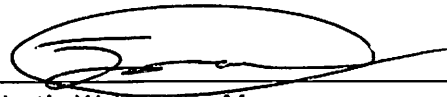
Weston had no comments at this time.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$157,242.32. Motion carried unanimously.

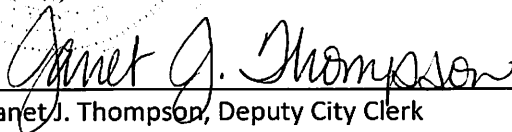
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet J. Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved April 18, 2022