

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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, Stewart, Spoon, Cavender, and Kee. Absent: Reed, Cathcard, and Shaffer. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Assistant Public Works Director Scott Grogg, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther, Police Officer Chris Bowman, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Dan Hardy for business incentives to the agenda.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

USDA GRANT HEARING

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Spoon, to open the USDA Grant Hearing for public safety equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Stewart asked for any public or council questions or concerns. None were asked or given.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Spoon, to close the USDA Grant Hearing for public safety equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

BARNETT REVITALIZATION PLAN

After a brief discussion and comments from the city attorney regarding questions on the proposed Woodson County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon, to not join the plan with the county at this time. Motion carried unanimously.



**SHANE LAMB
RURAL REDEVELOPMENT**

Shane Lamb with the Rural Redevelopment Group was present to explain to council how his company remodeled houses or businesses that had been abandoned or vacant for a long time. Council's recommendation was for Lamb to meet with Code Enforcement Officer Kristen Cagle to see if she could show him how to locate vacant property owners.


KAREN STARKEY – SEWER ISSUE

Karen Starkey was present with more information for council regarding the sewer issue that had been discussed at the May 16, 2022, meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Kee, to enter into a 15-minute executive session in the council room, for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 7:36pm, to reconvene at 7:51pm.

Council reconvened at 7:51pm.



Duncan informed Starkey that his recommendation to the Council is not to pay for or provide any services or material to Starkey for the sewer issue under her house.

BROOKE KURON – DRAINAGE ISSUE

Brooke Kuron was present to ask that the storm drains in front of her house in the 200 block of North Green be repaired. Kuron showed council pictures of the water standing in the road after rains and also of the storm drain that needs repair.

It was the consensus of the council to do necessary repair work on the storm drain immediately, and try to come up with a plan and funds to repair storm drains around town.

DAN HARDY – BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Dan Hardy presented to council necessary paperwork for the business incentive application.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon, to give Dan Hardy what is known as Lot #1 in the industrial park and to close the unnamed plotted street west of Abner Yates Lane, from Butler south. Motion carried unanimously.

Council encouraged Hardy to check back later in the year to see if any funds would be available to help with improvements on his business.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
ARPA IDEAS**

Discussion on additional ARPA ideas was tabled.

BUDGET WORKSESSION

A budget work session was set for Monday, June 27, 2022, at City Hall, at 6:00pm. Committees were encouraged to try and meet before then to get budget request ideas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel. Duncan and Boice also present. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:40pm to reconvene at 8:50pm.

Council reconvened at 8:50pm.

**SAFETY
PD STORAGE**

Discussion on PD storage was tabled until the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS
RES ROAD BOX CULVERT**

Spoon explained that Wilson & Company were still trying to find out if anymore funds would be available from FEMA to help with the box culvert project.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to award the bid to Pfefferkorn & Drury Construction, LLC in the amount of \$145,765.00, contingent on FEMA approval and using \$64,182.85 ARPA funds for the city share. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cavender, to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the city clerk’s office, for the purpose of discussing matters of non-elected personnel. Duncan to be included. Motion carried unanimously.

Council entered into executive session at 9:00pm, to reconvene at 9:10pm.

Council reconvened to the council room at 9:10pm.

2” WATER DEPT PUMP

Spoon presented three bids for a 2” water pump:

USA BlueBook	\$583.94 (includes estimated shipping)
Grainger	\$612.07 (includes shipping)
Amazon	\$601.16 (includes shipping)

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to purchase the pump from Grainger for \$612.07. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER PROBLEM

Boone informed council that the property owner had been notified of their sewer line problem in the alley behind 108 W Rutledge.

INNOVATIVE ENG EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to pay the freight charges of \$607.33 on an invoice from Innovative Engineered Equipment that was not shown on the original quotation for an actuator. Motion carried unanimously.

EMC DIVIDEND

Kee informed council that the city had received a dividend check from EMC for \$15,999.18.

MAYOR COMMENTS

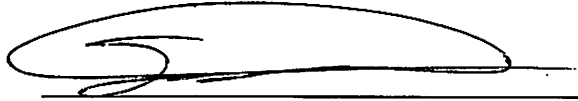
Weston read two thank you notes the council had received.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$209,412.08. Motion carried unanimously.

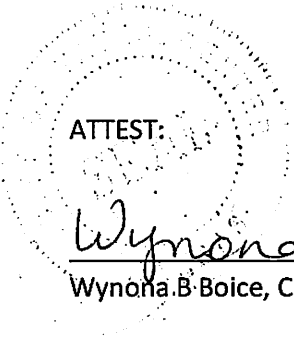
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:25pm.



Justin W Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice
Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved June 20, 2022