

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 16, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2022, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Roll call as follows: Barney, Reed, Stewart, Cathcard, and Kee. Absent: Spoon, Shaffer, and Cavender. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Street Lead Rodney Ryther, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

M BARNETT WO CO REVITALIZATION

Woodson County Commissioner Monty Barnett was present to explain the Woodson County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and ask the city to join the plan. A lengthy discussion was held. Duncan to talk to the county attorney regarding several questions. Decision on the matter tabled until next meeting.

K STARKEY SEWER ISSUE

Karen Starkey was present to discuss the sewer that went under her house when a lift station did not work. She had visited with public works employees and KDHE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney, to enter into a 10-minute executive session for attorney/client privilege, in the city clerk's office for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously. Council entered into executive session at 8:23pm to reconvene at 8:33pm.

Council reconvened in the council room at 8:33pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay All Clean, LLC \$1,356.00 to spray germicide on the cinder blocks around the foundation of Starkey's house, to pay for the spreading of a minimum ½ " of lye under the house, and to pay for an inspection of the furnace system under the house. Motion carried unanimously.

If any other damage is found under the house or in the furnace system, Starkey to contact city hall with the information to be discussed further.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan explained to council that discussion was still ongoing regarding the work done on the inside of the water tower by Suez/Advanced Solutions. Duncan recommended paying for work done to the outside of the tower.

SUEZ WATER TOWER

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to pay \$86,200 for the painting done on the outside of the water tower. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE VEHICLE**

Discussion was held on different options for a code vehicle. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to give Boone the authority to purchase a code pickup, after getting permission from Reed and Kee, not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

KIDS COLORING CONTEST

Barney informed council she would like to have a kid's coloring contest around the July 4th holiday. It was the consensus of the council for Barney to go ahead with the contest.

ARPA FUNDS

Discussion was tabled until full council was in attendance.

CITY BID POLICY

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to have any bids solicited by the city, to be returned as a sealed bid, and to be either returned in person or by mail (bidders' preference). E-mail bids will no longer be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY

USDA GRANT HEARING

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to hold the required USDA Grant Public Meeting on June 6, 2022, at 7:00pm, at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

PD STORAGE

Cathcard explained to council that in conjunction with the USDA grant for police storage in the back of City Hall, the committee was also interested in repairing the back part of the building. The city clerk to do some checking to see what funds are available.

PUBLIC WORKS

WALK BEHIND SAW

Ryther provided the requested warranty information on the walk behind saw discussed last meeting. The bids presented were:

Superior Building Supply	2,806.75
White Star Machinery	2,450.00
Northern Equipment	2,442.00

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Kee, to purchase a Husqvarna FS400 from White Star Machinery not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CULVERT PROJECTS

Ryther informed council of projects the street department are presently working on and what he would like to complete this summer.

PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS

No report was given.

MAYOR COMMENTS

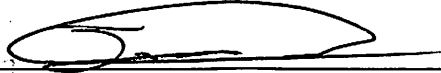
Weston had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$82,467.79. Motion carried unanimously.

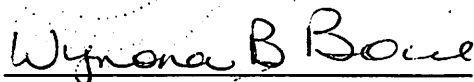
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:40pm.



Justin W Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B Boice, City Clerk

Approved June 6, 2022