

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 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, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer and Kee. Reed and Cavender were absent. Other city officials present included: Public Works Superintendent Eric Boone, Street Lead Rodney Ryther, Police Officer Vinny Baker, City Clerk Becky Boice and Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Brenda Louderbaugh and Craig Hatch in reference to zoning for a cell tower they are interested in selling.

Kee also added Approval of the 2023 Budget.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting as printed. Motion carried with Shaffer and Spoon abstaining.

2023 BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to open the 2023 Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments or questions from the public or further discussion on the budget from the council.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to close the 2023 Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**BRENDA LOUDERBAUGH AND
CRAIG KNIGHT**

Brenda Louderbaugh and Craig Knight were present to ask if there are any zoning issues with a cell phone tower located at 300 W Oak, because a company is interested in purchasing it. City Attorney Duncan stated he has had some discussions with the company's attorney. After a short discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard that the land continue to be used as it has been and asked the City Attorney to write a letter to American Towers stating the City approves of the sale.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
209 W MADISON**

City Attorney has tried multiple times by phone and mail to contact owner with no response. Code Enforcement will need to send a letter to the owner for the property being a nuisance according to the City Ordinance. Duncan will get with Cagle to get this started.

300 N MAIN-COMMERCIAL ZONING

Discussion was held on the commercial zoning for VIP Detail YC. Duncan explained the steps it takes to re-zone a property.

A brief discussion was then held on the possibility of forming a zoning committee of 3 people (none of which can be a council member). Council members will approach individuals that have either expressed interest in the past or they feel might be interested.

**SIDEWALK GRANT-JE KIMBELL AND
BELINDA HUGHES**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to approve the sidewalk grant for 109 W Washington and 107 W Washington presented by JE Kimbell and Belinda Hughes for the amount of \$750.00.



2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

After a short discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to approve the 2023 Budget as printed. Motion carried with Spoon opposing.

**SAFETY
CHARGER POLICE CAR**

The Safety Committee had approved the Charger to get repaired (radiator damaged from the fan coming loose). YC Tire and Auto ordered the parts and with labor, the bill will be over the \$1,000 committee approval threshold. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer to allow up to \$1,500 for repair of the Charger. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON USDA GRANT

Cathcard updated the Council on the USDA Grant. There were some items that had to be removed and they wanted vendors with prices. Fire Chief is waiting on a vendor to provide this information to him.



PUBLIC WORKS

LEND-A-TRUCK RULES/PROCEDURES

After a short discussion on rules and procedures not being followed by citizens, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to have Boone and Ryther revamp the rules and agreement, adding a CASH deposit of \$200.00. If all rules and procedures are followed, the total deposit will be returned. The Public Works Committee will approve the rules and procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

Spoon requested the Public Works committee be allowed to advertise, interview and hire a part-time employee. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to allow the committee to advertise, interview and hire a part-time employee. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER TRUCK REPAIRS

A quote was presented from Foley Equipment for the Sewer Truck repair in the amount of \$1,695.33. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee to waive the bid process. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to approve the repair for the amount of \$1,695.33. Motion carried unanimously.



PROJECTS AT WATER PLANT

A discussion was held on the importance of these projects getting completed and where the funds would come from. The total for 3 different tasks is \$28,000.00. Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard to allow the mayor to sign the Letter of Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS

POOL DISCUSSION

A brief discussion was held on pool damage. The committee will need to meet and discuss any action they might consider.

OCTOBERFEST

Discussion on the need to have bathrooms open at Delay Stadium on October 8, 2022, for a pep rally. Council agreed to have bathrooms open.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor read a thank you note from Jaylynn Birk thanking the City for sponsoring the belt buckle for the Reserve Grand Champion Round Robin Showman.

SPOON APPRECIATION

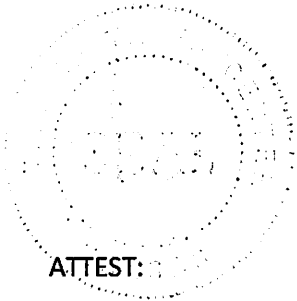
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to thank Carey Spoon for her years of service on the Council. Her hard work has been appreciated. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$98,562.61. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



ATTEST:

Justin W. Weston, Mayor

Janet J. Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved September 6, 2022