

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 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, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee, plus one vacant position. Other city officials present included: Police Officer Chris Bowman and Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting as printed. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

**WOODSON CO CHAMBER-
SEED GRANT**

Chari Bauman with the Chamber and Gary Morris with Revitalize YC presented a sign they are working on to put on highway 75 letting passersby know about our historic town square. It will be placed on the corner of Rutledge and Fry.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to match 5% of the cost, or \$797.50, to support the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

JASON SHEPARD

Jason Shepard was not present.

MICHAEL BILLINGS-USDA GRANT

The mayor called Michael Billings and he explained the packet he had emailed and where the mayor was supposed to sign on the Certification Approval and Letter of Intent to meet Conditions.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed to allow the mayor to sign the Certification Approval. . Motion carried unanimously.

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CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan was not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
SALES TAX ELECTION-NOV 8**

Discussion of the current ¾% sales tax already in place and all the funds this helps from the Fire and Police departments to the Pool and Parks to Streets and Water. The election is only to keep the tax in place, not add more taxes. Kee volunteered to write a letter to the editor. This letter could also be posted on the city's Facebook page and website. Kee will coordinate a workshop next week.

**NOMINATE COUNCIL MEMBER FOR
WARD 2, POSITION 2**

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to appoint John Atkin. Motion carried unanimously. Atkin was then sworn in by the Deputy City Clerk and joined the table.

Council would like letters or emails to the 3 other citizens that expressed interest in the council position to see if they would be interested in serving on the Planning Commission board.

NOMIATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Barney nominated Cathcard, Reed nominated Kee. After vote was taken, Kee was voted Council President 5-3.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into a to enter into a 10 minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:58 pm to reconvene at 8:08 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:08 pm.

CITY CLERK

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to promote Janet Thompson as the new City Clerk effective September 23 at 5 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to promote Chelsea Goodson as the new Deputy City Clerk effective September 23 at 5 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
ARPA FUNDS-PURCHASING
FIREARMS**

Firearms and ammunition purchases were discussed with the intent to use ARPA Funds. This will need to be researched to understand is the ARPA available to the City can be used for this type of purchase.

**PUBLIC WORKS
SEASONAL/TEMP PART TIME
EMPLOYEE-STREET DEPT**

Stewart stated the Public Works committee met with street lead Ryther. They were all in agreement that the position would end next week, so they are no longer need to hire an extra person.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Weston appointed Stewart as chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to accept Weston's appointment for Stewart.

Mayor Weston appointed Atkin to the committees of Public Works and Administration.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to accept Weston's appoint for Atkin.

Mayor read a thank you note from Shelda Wilhite for approving her for the sidewalk grant to make her sidewalk safer for the public.

Mayor read a letter from the Allen County College Endowment Association that Sabrina Bishop was awarded our scholarship for this school year. Also extended an invitation to their banquet on October 12 from 11:30 – 1:00.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$88,126.88. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:08 pm.




Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet J. Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved October 3, 2022