

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 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, Cavender and Kee. Shaffer was absent and one vacant position. Other city officials present included: Public Works Superintendent Eric Boone, City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Chris Bowman and Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee added Lesli Banner, The Lanes at Light Hardware and Gary Morris, Revitalize YC under Economic Development.

Kee also added Planning Commission implementation under Administrative and also Sidewalk Grant approval for Shelda Wilhite.

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 15, 2022 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**JAMIE MCNUTT-VIP DETAIL YC**

Jamie McNutt was present with her presentation and request of any business incentives the city might be able to offer. After some discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to have Public Works install a water meter at no cost and supply the business with free water for one year once water is turned on. With limited funds left in the business incentive fund, more discussion will take place to see if matching funds could be available. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

After more discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give \$3,000.00 as a business incentive upon presentation of receipts. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

**LESLI BANNER-THE LANES AT  
LIGHT HARDWARE**

Lesli Banner was present with her presentation and request of any business incentives the city might be able to offer. After hearing there was limited funds, she requested only the free water for a year as there is already a meter in place. After some discussion including the sidewalk and making the entrance ADA compliant, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to allow free water to The Lanes at Light Hardware as well as Light Hardware. Also both businesses will be exempt from 50% of CITY property taxes for one year. Motion carried unanimously.

Banner presented her liquor license for approval. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to give Becky Boice, City Clerk, to approve The Lanes at Light Hardware license. Motion carried unanimously.

**GARY MORRIS-REVITALIZE YC**

Gary Morris representing Revitalize YC presented cards they would like to get printed with various pictures of places to visit in Yates Center and on the back have places to eat, shop, play and stay. He asked if the City would be interested in listing the South Owl Lake or Lincoln Park with a cost of \$25 each that includes 100 cards to hand out. There will be approximately 2,000 cards printed.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to have both South Owl Lake and Lincoln Park included on the cards at a cost of \$50.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Morris also mentioned that they are working on getting billboards in place several miles out of town each direction to advertise what to do in Yates Center.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan has been in communication with Shane Lamb about Prairie Villa and assuming the USDA loan. Lamb also requested \$90,000 from the city for renovations. Duncan recommended not to agree to Lamb assuming the loan which the council agreed with.

**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. Business owners present were asked to let their patrons know and to ask for their support in passing the existing tax.

**OPEN CITY COUNCIL POSITION**

With the resignation of Carey Spoon, there is now an open council seat for Ward 2, Position 2. The interested parties that were present and introduced themselves as well as discuss why they would be interested in the position were Cindy Adams, Wes Koschke, Joe Diver and John Atkin.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to appoint the new council member at the next meeting, which will be September 20, 2022. If there are any other residents in Ward 2 that would be interested if they appear at the next meeting, they will be considered as well. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIN DRIVEN OPENER FOR WEST GARAGE DOOR ON CITY HALL**

Boone presented a quote from Superior Building Supply for a chain driven opener for the door that has to be opened manually and is a very heavy insulated door. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to purchase the door opener from Superior Building Supply for no more than \$750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**SIDEWALK GRANT-SHELDA WILHITE**

After looking over the sidewalk grant it was noticed that it was only 10' long and was a replacement. Council would like for the code enforcement officer to verify this is a sidewalk, not an access to the residence. Motion made by Kee, seconded by Cavender that if the sidewalk listed on the grant application is parallel to the street, the grant will be awarded for \$200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

A Planning Commission board must consist of 5 members plus a 3 member appeal board. No council person may serve on the Planning Commission. Members must live in or within 3 miles of Yates Center or own a property in Yates Center. The city would have to sever ties with the Woodson County Zoning and reinstate the previous zoning book of the city. Council would like to post this on facebook and the web site and run an ad in the paper. Council members have some citizens they will check on to see if they would be interested. This will be a non-paid board.

**PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into a 15 minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor, City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk and Public Works Director present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:40 pm to reconvene at 8:55 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:56 pm.

**PARKS  
SOUTH OWL DOCK**

The South Owl Lake dock will be pulled this fall or winter to repair. Temporarily, some plywood will be laid over some of the broken boards for safety reasons.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor read a thank you note from Helping Hands Humane Society for the City's donation in memory of Marvenia Duncan.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$175,364.17. (This was 2 check runs.) Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

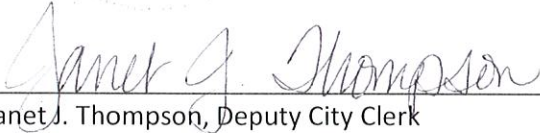
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:18 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor



ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved September 19, 2022