

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 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, Atkin, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee. Other city officials present included: Police Officer Michael Strode, Police Officer Chris Bowman, Street Lead Rod Ryther, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Water Worker Scott Grogg and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee moved Dan Hardy to the next meeting (November 7).

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PRAIRIE VILLA-USDA**

Stewart presented information on the USDA loan. If the existing loan was to be transferred, residents would not lose their homes because of the USDA contract. A teleconference will take place at the next meeting for the opportunity for council members to ask questions about concerns they may have.

**NEW ELECTRIC ON LIGHT POLES  
ON THE SQUARE**

Boone let council know that Evergy will be changing the lights out around the square that the City's Christmas lights are plugged into. The city owns all the poles on the outside of the square; the county owns all the poles on the inside of the square. Boone estimated the new wires, boxes and conduit would run between \$350-\$400 per pole. It was requested that Eric create the bid specs for this job and also contact Evergy to see if they would be willing to hold off until the first of the year to replace the lights.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to put this out for bids, due back by Nov 7. Motion carried unanimously.

**BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD INCREASE** After reading over the material about the 18.21% increase, decision will be made at the next meeting about insurance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL** Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session, it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:57 pm to reconvene at 8:07 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:07 pm.

**SAFETY**

**REPAIR OF PD CHARGER**

Cathcard stated the Charger was in the shop again, this time with a water pump issue. Officer Strode has checked with various mechanic shops and most are 4-6 weeks out.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart to waive the bid process. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to accept the bid from YC Tire & Auto not to exceed \$1,333.28. Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT**

Michael Strode has assumed the duty of Police Chief for the City of Yates Center. Doug Smoot has assumed the duty of Assistant Police Chief for the City of Yates Center.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**JOE JORDAN-180 DAYS  
PROBATION/RAISE**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Atkin to give Joe Jordan a .50 cent raise effective with current pay period which started October 14. Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER PLANT IN-TAKE  
FLOW METER**

Boone let council know that last week the in-take flow meter malfunctioned. Water was running down the street, so he and Grogg came in and had to run the plant manually to get the tower to a capacity that they could shut down the meter and get it working. Ryther was able to get it working, but they need to get a new one ordered. He presented a quote from the manufacturer and asked that the council waive the bid process because they would have to go through a retailer and the price most likely be 30-50% more.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to waive the bid process. Motion carried with Barney opposing.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to accept the quote not to exceed \$3,500. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor, City Attorney, Street Lead and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel because if this matter were discussed in open session, it might invade the privacy of those discussed. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:21 pm to reconvene at 8:31 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:31 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
PIER REPAIR AT SOUTH OWL**

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Cathcard to waive the bid process because council had asked Tim Splechter to create a bid spec for these repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Shaffer to accept TS Construction's bid not to exceed \$49,650.00 to be completed by mid-November. The City has received a 50/50 grant to pay half of this.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**


Mayor Weston read a thank you note from Sabrina Bishop for receiving the scholarship at Allen Community College.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

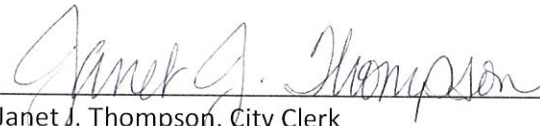
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$138,705.37. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:46 pm.

  
Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved November 7, 2022