

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 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. Absent was Atkin. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Vinny Baker, Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Stewart tabled the mixer for sewer plant.

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 Stewart to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD INCREASE**

Several employees had voiced their opinions on the insurance coverage. After a short discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to keep the grandfathered insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEK RPC LETTER**

There are multiple grants being offered, but unfortunately, the city does not qualify for any at this time. Looking ahead to 2023, there is a possibility of qualifying for grants, HAT being one of them. This would be a minimum of a 2 to 3 month process. Revitalize YC will be contacted for assistance.

**SAFETY**

**SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BELL**

Chief Strode presented a map of where all signs should be posted at both schools. He counted 35 signs needed, but will double check that amount. He will check with the street department to see how many 20 mph signs we have and figure the cost on what we need to see if we have budgeted money left.

**POLICE VEHICLE (GRANT MONEY)**

Chief Strode received a quote from Specialty Vehicle Source, Manhattan, KS, for a new 2022 Dodge Durango with all emergency accessories. Chief Strode marked the items that were needed, would be nice to have and would not utilize. Cathcard made his recommendation to remove 5 items from the quote for a total of \$51,423. Some discussion followed on whether to include the single prisoner compartment. The police department doesn't have one now, and if need be, a sheriff's deputy could come and transport.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart to accept the quote minus items 2, 3, 5, 13 and 17 not to exceed \$51,423.00 with the money coming from the USDA grant received and the Special Emergency Vehicle Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**WATER RATE INCREASE**

After a short discussion, motion as made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to raise the water rates 4% with the base rate remaining the same. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEWER RATE INCREASE**

After a short discussion, motion as made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to raise the sewer rates 4% with the base rate remaining the same. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Weston had nothing.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$44,392.10. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved December 5, 2022