

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 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: Reed, Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Cavender and Kee. Absent were Barney and Shaffer. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Vinny Baker, Street Lead Rod Ryther, Water Worker Scott Grogg and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Cathcard added Police vehicle discussion to Safety.

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 October 17, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DAN HARDY-HARDY FENCE

Dan Hardy was present to ask for any business incentive funds that might be available. He presented the projects completed and the cost of those projects, with more to come at his new location in the industrial park west of Prime Meats.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to award Hardy fence \$1,500 Business Incentive from Economic Development. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE**

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD INCREASE

Nick Elder, the City's BCBS group sales advisor, was present to explain the increase in the premiums. After his presentation, there was much discussion on the options. Nick will send the City Clerk various other options and council will make a final decision at the November 21 meeting.

PRAIRIE VILLA-USDA

The tele-conference took place last week at Prairie Villa. The loan can be bought out by an individual or company, but at the approval of the USDA. If that were to be approved, the Housing Authority and City would not be liable and the residents would still continue to live there with their assistance.

**NEW ELECTRIC ON LIGHT POLES
ON THE SQUARE-OPEN SEALED BIDS**

Three bids were received to replace the electric on the poles 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 (12); the county owns all the poles on the inside of the square (8). The bids received are as follows:

KJ Electrical Contracting LLC - \$221.95 per pole (20)
CDL Electric Co, Inc - \$574.50 per pole
Eric Boone - \$303.40 per pole (12)

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to accept the bid from KJ Electrical Contracting LLC for \$221.95 for the city's 12 poles. Motion carried unanimously.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON MARY STREET

After some discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender not to place the existing lights/decorations along Mary street in part because of the condition and the decorations and the deterioration of the electrical wires posing a safety hazard. Motion carried with Atkin opposing.

HUNTER'S UNLIMITED DONATION

Francis Jackson had called city hall asking for donations for their banquet on December 3. Since the city has not donated in the past, it was decided not to make a donation.

**STORAGE CONTAINERS FOR
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**

After some discussion, it was decided to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to allow permanent storage containers only on commercial properties. Stipulations will apply including, but not limited to, a uniform color and owner must have a building permit before moving a container on the premises.

RYAN NIETO-AIR BNB

Cathcard spoke on Nieto's behalf. Anything the city can do to help with water and/or sewer.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to waive the tapping fee to the sewer, run the water line from the main to the meter and install the meter at no charge. Also, will offer free water for a year. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING/PLANNING BOARD

Nominations for the Planning Board was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard are: Ryan Nieto, Jarrad Leis, Jake Morrison, Cindy Adams and Deb Mikulka. Motion carried unanimously. Once the three positions are filled for the appeals board, the city can implement their planning board.

SAFETY

NO PARKING STREET SIGNS

After much discussion, it was decided to put no parking signs on Main street from Mary to Chellis. Main street is not only a bus route but also a snow route in the winter. This will be 90-day trial.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BELL

After a short discussion, the Chief of Police will compile a list of streets where 20 MPH signs are/will be posted to give to our City Attorney for him to draft an ordinance.

POLICE VEHICLE (GRANT MONEY)

The PD was still number 21 on the waiting list of vehicles from the highway patrol. Chief Strode was asked to check into other options. He found that the PD could get a new Dodge Durango the first of the year from Andover, which could be serviced in Chanute. He will wait to hear from another contact in Junction City and a final decision will be made once he has all the information.

PUBLIC WORKS

**CHLORINATOR AUTO SWITCHOVER
REGULATOR**

Two bids were presented:

Brenntag - \$2,070.00 including shipping

Municipal Supply - \$2,160 no including shipping

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to accept the bid from Brenntag not to exceed \$2,070.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTEGRATE CONTROLS SOFTWARE
SUPPORT CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to pay the support contract for the AVEVA Intouch software for the water treatment plant in the amount of \$1,238.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADVERTISE/HIRE THIRD PERSON
FOR WATER DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to advertise, interview and hire a third person in the water department. Motion carried unanimously.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITY**

Grogg has been in touch with Jason Soleman, and will help get the city's facility in compliance with KDHE.

NAYLOR AND HWY 54

The fire hydrant has been hit twice in this area, the most recent was last week. Landowner is unhappy with trucks using his property for turning and tearing up the driveway. The proposal is barricading the east side of South Naylor off highway 54 at the edge of the state right of way. Woodson County road supervisor has agreed to haul cement barricade blocks if this is approved by council.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to accept the proposal not to exceed \$945.75. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
POOL REPAIRS**

Reed met with Branco representatives about parts of the swimming pool needing repairs. They have agreed to fix the pool at their cost.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Weston noted 3 service awards this year:

From the Fire Department:
Brandon Gaulding – 25 years
Pete Martin – 35 years

From the Public Works Department:
Eric Boone – 30 years

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

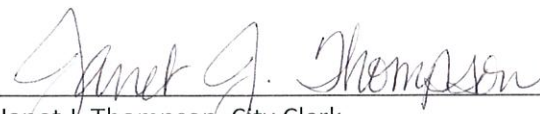
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$75,393.25. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:46 pm.



ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

Approved November 21, 2022