

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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 and Kee. Cavender was absent. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Doug Smoot, City Attorney Brian Duncan, Street Lead Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Atkin added under Safety, cleaning of the Presbyterian Church and lots at the Industrial Park for Fire training. Kee changed under Public Works Correction of Ordinance 1164 to Approve Ordinances 1166 and 1167.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**JOHN ATKIN (FILLING IN FOR
GARY MORRIS)-REVITALIZE YC**

John corrected this to the SEED grant not the SPARK grant. Department of Commerce is requesting a letter stating what City funds had been submitted for matching. He had sent a letter used by another city to the City Clerk to copy to City letterhead.

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Stewart to grant the City clerk to sign this letter for the Department of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion about the easement for the sign that will be purchased. Council feels this should be the Chamber's responsibility to obtain the easement.

TOM DAVIS-BIRDIES & BLUEGRASS

Tom Davis was present to ask for the City's donation to the fireworks display on June 3, 2023. Davis stated they were able to donate over \$37,000 to Friends for Life and give 2 - \$1,000 scholarships. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to donate the budgeted amount of \$6,000.00 to the Birdies and Bluegrass fireworks display. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADVERTISE FOR CITY MOWING BIDS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to advertise for City property mowing bids to be returned by February 17 at 5 pm and will be opened at the February 21 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR CODE MOWING BIDS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to advertise for Code mowing bids to be returned by February 17 at 5 pm and will be opened at the February 21 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR TREE TRIMMING BIDS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to advertise for Code Tree Trimming bids to be returned by February 17 at 5 pm and will be opened at the February 21 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR HAY/FARM LEASE BIDS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to advertise for 3-year Hay/Farm lease bids (excluding the Airport property) to be returned by February 17 at 5 pm and will be opened at the February 21 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADVERTISE FOR HAY LEASE BIDS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to advertise for 1-year Hay lease bids (at the Airport property) to be returned by February 17 at 5 pm and will be opened at the February 21 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY

POLICE VEHICLE (CHARGER)

Cathcard stated that the Charger is in the shop again. The radiator has a crack in it and needs replaced. It is still under warranty, but will still have to pay for the labor.

**CLEANING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AFTER BOMB THREAT**

When the bomb threat occurred on December 12, 2022, the Presbyterian Church was opened as an evacuation center. There was mud, dirt and water tracked in. The total bill to clean the church was \$637.65 and split 3 ways (Board of Education, County and City) is \$212.55 each.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to pay the 1/3 share of \$212.55 to assist in the cleaning bill. City Clerk will call the Board of Education office to see who the check is to be made out to. Motion carried unanimously.

**LOTS IN INDUSTRIAL PARK
FOR FIRE TRAINING**

Discussion was held on the lots north of the Coop for training. Will most likely need to have a fire hydrant installed, which will need to happen if/when new businesses move in. Also a discussion was held on what type of structure to use. No decisions were made.

**PUBLIC WORKS
ADOPT RESOLUTION 356**

Duncan has prepared Resolution 356, granting Mayor Justin Weston the authority to sign and enter an agreement with Walters-Morgan Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cathcard to grant the mayor to sign the agreement for the Water treatment plant improvements.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1166

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to adopt Ordinance 1166 for correction of Ordinance 1164, purchase of residential water. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1167

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to adopt Ordinance 1167 for correction of Ordinance 1164, purchase of commercial water. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIP SPREADER BUCKET

Ryther was present to explain the benefits of a chip spreader bucket. He has looked several places and has only found one place, KMK Welding and Attachments, LLC, that carry them. They will also waive the shipping. He has also asked local dealers around the area and most of them have never heard of them. A short discussion was held on the bucket for the skid steer. It would be much easier to direct fill into smaller holes and not waste it.

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

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to purchase the 72" Skid Steer Loader Tar and Chip Spreader Bucket from KMK Welding and Attachments, LLC, for no more than \$2,450.00. Motion carried with Barney opposing.

STREET VAC

A short discussion was held on a street vac. Leaves are the main issue when they pile up, clogging ditches and the sewer. There are multiple varieties of what can be purchased for the needs of the entity. Ryther will look further into this keeping in mind the needs of our city.

**GROGG CERTIFIED AS CLASS 1
OPERATOR**

Grogg received his certification of Class 1 Operator.
Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to increase
Grogg's salary by .50 cents an hour effective on the current pay
period. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
ADVERTISE FOR POOL PERSONNEL**

A discussion was held about trying to get more people to apply
for all positions and possible incentives to those returning from
last year. Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Kee to
advertise for all pool personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS
APPOINT LACY-MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

Weston would like to appoint William Lacy as the City Municipal
Judge.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to approve the
appointment of William Lacy as the City Municipal Judge.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT DUNCAN-CITY ATTORNEY

Weston would like to appoint Brian Duncan as the City
Attorney.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the
appointment of Brian Duncan as the City Attorney. Motion
carried unanimously.

**APPOINT YC NEWS-OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER**

Weston would like to appoint YC News as the City's official
newspaper.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the
appointment of YC News as the City's official newspaper.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT COMMITTEES

Weston would like to appoint the following committees:
ADMIN-Kee (chair), Barney, Atkin and Shaffer
PW-Stewart (chair), Reed, Barney and Kee
SAFETY-Cathcard (chair), Stewart, Atkin and Cavender
PARKS-Reed (chair), Shaffer, Cathcard and Cavender

No motion was made. This will carry over to the next meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Kee and Barney were both nominated and neither declined.

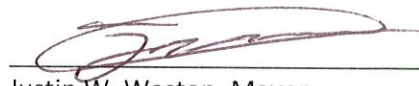
Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Reed to elect
Barney as President of the Council. Motion carried
unanimously.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$98,109.21. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved February 6, 2023