

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 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, Cavender and Kee. Shaffer was absent. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strobe, Police Officer Vinny Baker, City Attorney Brian Duncan and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Cathcard added under Safety an executive session for non-elected personnel.

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 Reed to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Lesli Banner presented a summary and bid for the sidewalks in front and around The Lanes and the Light Hardware building. They had received grant money from the Chamber from their SEED Grant, but were still short \$11,905.37, which she is asking for from the Economic Development.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to award Lesli Banner \$5,000 from the sidewalk grant and \$6,905.75 from the business incentive. Motion carried with Barney and Atkin abstaining.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
5% COLA RAISES**

It was the consensus of the council to discuss this until after the Safety executive session.

**ROUNDING WORK/COMP TIME**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to round up any work/comp to 15-minute intervals instead of the ½ hour currently being used. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY**

**COURT LEDGERS & RECEIPTS**

The cost for the ledgers and receipts is \$847.96, so the committee approved to spend the money.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNAL**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor, City Attorney and Police Chief present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:25 pm to reconvene at 7:35 pm. Meeting called back to order at 7:35 pm.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to enter into another 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the same persons present. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:35 pm to reconvene at 7:45 pm. Meeting was called back to order at 7:45 pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
5% COLA RAISES**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to award all employees, except the police department employees, a 5% COLA increase effective with the first payroll of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISES**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to increase Chief Strode to \$22.50 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart to increase Officer Baker to \$19.75 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to increase Officer Bowman to \$18.50 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Weston had nothing.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$184,148.93. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  


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Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved January 17, 2023