

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 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, Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee. Reed was absent. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, City Attorney Brian Duncan, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added executive session for non-elected personnel under Administrative.

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 March 6, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DARREN JACKSON-KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL FISHERS OF MEN

Darren Jackson with the Kansas High School Fishers of Men was present to ask permission to have a tournament at the new Yates Center Reservoir. He also would like to have some Yates Center/Woodson County teams involved.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to allow the Kansas High School Fishers of Men to conduct a fishing tournament on May 6, 2023 at the new Yates Center Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

CHRIS & STACEY McCULLOUGH - THE DIAMOND BUNKER

Chris & Stacey McCullough representing The Diamond Bunker were present to let council know what their new business will offer and to ask for any assistance the City can help with.

After some discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to award The Diamond Bunker free water & sewer for 1 year and \$1,500 business incentive. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA ITEM #1- REX McVEY

Rex McVey was present in reference to the ditch on S. Green and Wilson. A long discussion was held and Stewart let council know that Ryther, Street Supervisor, has another proposal on how to fix the ditch. Ryther will present his idea to council in the very near future.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

**WOODSON CO CHAMBER -
INFLATABLES ON YC DAYS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to have the east lawn of the library available for a backup location in case of wind where anchors would be needed to stabilize the inflatable play equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMON CONSUMPTION
AREA ORDINANCE**

Topic was tabled until the April 3 meeting. Atkin waiting on answers before moving forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into a 20 minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor and City Attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:28 pm to reconvene at 7:48 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:48 pm.

SAFETY

APPROVE ORDINANCE #1168

This was tabled until the April 3 meeting.

DIGITICKET UPDATE

After a short discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to give permission to Police Chief Strode to sign the engagement letter for DigiTicket. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW RADAR EQUIPMENT

Assistant Police Chief Baker presented a bid from Kustom Signals for an Eagle 3 Radar with installation. This is Kansas State pricing and Baker had contacted another company and they cannot match the price.

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

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Stewart to purchase the Eagle 3 Radar including installation for \$2,740.25. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

CULVERT ON PARK STREET

Discussion was held about the culvert. A picture was shown how water goes around the culvert when there are heavy amounts of rain. Street department will be instructed to get this fixed as soon as possible.

**REPLACEMENT GRINDER PUMP
FOR THE SEWER PLANT**

Grogg was present to request a replacement grinder pump for the sewer plant. There is one in place, but there is no backup and Fluid Equipment let Scott know there is no fixing our current backup.

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

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to allow Grogg to purchase the new pump plus shipping not to exceed \$4,800 from Fluid Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Weston presented the Letter of Representation from Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips that he and the City Clerk needed to sign.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Letter of Representation. Motion carried unanimously.


CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$115,277.67. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:05 pm.





Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved March 20, 2023