

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 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, Shaffer and Kee. Cavender was absent. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee removed Common Consumption Area under Administrative and Approve Ordinance #1168 under Safety. Atkin added Hayfest under Administrative.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with Reed abstaining.

**CASA-CHILD ABUSE PROCLAMATION**

Donita Garner with Hope Unlimited along with Marie Jordan and Leah Young with CASA were present to ask the City to proclaim April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow the mayor to sign the City of Yates Center, Kansas Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHUCK MORRISON-ATMOS**

Chuck Morrison was present to give the Council an update of the gas project. The north side of town has a few more streets to replace the bricks and then dirt will be hauled in for yards and re-seeded with grass. In 2022, 34,100 feet of 2" Poly was replaced, 4,320 feet of 3" Poly was replaced and 345 services were connected to the new pipes. Morrison stated the South side of town was going smoothly.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan was absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**OPEN TREE TRIMMING BIDS**

One bid was received and opened. Eric Boone bid \$102.50 per hour with a 2 hour minimum. Some discussion took place and decision on this was tabled until after the Park Executive Session.

**CITY CLEAN UP**

A long discussion was held. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart that a bulk item pickup would take place the first week in May (last day to put items by the curb will be May 7) with pickup starting May 8. This will be household items only, no limbs, leaves or general trash. No appliances with freon will be picked up. More information will be in the paper, posted on facebook and on flyers around town. Once a decision has been made on a limb and leaves pickup, notices will be the same format. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY LEASE RENEWAL**

A short discussion was held on the lease renewal. It is not up until December 31, so it was tabled for now.

**HAYFEST**

Revitalize YC would like to hold Hayfest this year on October 14, 2023. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow Revitalize YC to hold Hayfest on the square. Motion carried unanimously.

Also mentioned was the Town Square clean up will be April 29 for the businesses around the square.

**SAFETY**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT CAMERAS**

Last week the front door handle to the fire department was forcibly pulled off. This has been fixed but cameras are being requested to be installed.

Atkins had a quote from Ubiquity for 12 cameras completely around the building including all hardware, cords, recorder, etc for \$3,215.00. Splitting between the Fire Department and Police Department would amount to \$1,832.50 for Fire and \$1,382.50 for Police.

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

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to purchase the Cameras and all hardware, cords, recorder, etc for no more than \$3,500.00. Labor to install will be donated by Fire and Police personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
RIGHT OF WAYS**

Discussion was held about the industrial park right of ways (specifically SEK Coop). Ryther has found some survey pins which match the maps from the Appraiser's office.

Council would like a spokesperson from the Coop to attend a meeting to discuss options. Ryther will follow up with the Coop.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-  
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Barney to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:15 pm to reconvene at 8:25 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:23 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-  
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Shaffer to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:25 pm to reconvene at 8:35 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:35 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded Reed to advertise, interview and hire a full time employee, with benefits for Parks and shared between Streets and Water. Motion carried unanimously.

**FISH FOOD BIDS**

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Shaffer to put bids out for Floating and Sinking fish food for the lakes. Bids to be in by April 28, 2023 by 5 pm. Bids will be open at the May 1 Council meeting.

**POOL EMPLOYEES**

Hannah Vining has been hired as this year's Pool Manager. Reed and Vining will be conducting interviews next week.

Also need to set up a new Facebook account for the Pool.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Weston re-appointed Charyl Stewart to the Housing Authority. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to re-appoint Charyl Stewart to the Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weston re-appointed Nancy Kelley to the Housing Authority. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to re-appoint Nancy Kelley to the Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.


## CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$140,537.29. Motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:00 pm.



  
Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved April 17, 2023