

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 1, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 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: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added look over new PD vehicles after Owens; Stewart added Man Lift under Public Works and Atkin added Common Consumption Area under Administrative.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Barney to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with Kee abstaining.

DAVID PICKENS

Mr. Pickens was not present.

KYLE & MAGGIE OWENS

The Owens were not present.

LOOK AT NEW PD VEHICLES

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm to go outside and look over the 2 new Dodge Durangos. Meeting called back into order at 7:10 pm.

KYLE & MAGGIE OWENS

Maggie Owen was present to ask for any business incentives the city might offer for the property at 203 W. Mary. Council will discuss further, but would like a part of their parking lot to be cemented and then the City would be willing to chip and seal. Possibly consider tax abatement and free water for a year, but asked that they come back to the next council meeting on May 15.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan discussed with council when a business is requesting land at the Industrial Park, a real estate contract is to be drawn up, City sells property for \$1 and puts a 5-year mortgage on the property. This is to guarantee that improvements promised are completed.

Duncan also briefly discussed the reasoning for requiring Worker's Comp insurance for bidding processes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
SIDEWALK GRANT DISCUSSION

Cathcard discussed possibly raising the maximum amount of funds dispersed for the grant. At the moment, it is \$750, with the thought being the applicant wouldn't have much, if any, money out of pocket. Now with prices of concrete and rebar rising, discussion was held on how much to raise it. It was decided that this will be revisited later in the year to raise starting next year.

COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA

Atkin requested the City have the City Attorney draw up a Resolution for a temporary exemption for beer gardens for the square and Saddle Club arena. City Attorney will be given defined areas of both (county will have to pass a Resolution for the Saddle Club arena as well).

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to have the City Attorney draw up Resolution 358 for the Common Consumption areas as discussed. Atkin to provide Duncan with specifications. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS
CURB & GUTTERING AT

Discussion was held about guttering and no curbing. Street lead Ryther had told Cathcard rather than replace approximately 20 feet at their address, he would rather replace the 47 feet of guttering. Cathcard will do the labor if the city is willing to purchase the concrete.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to waive the bid process. Motion carried with Barney opposing and Cathcard abstaining.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to pay from concrete, not to exceed \$1,400, to replace curb and guttering. Motion carried with Barney and Cathcard abstaining.

MAN LIFT BIDS

Paperwork was for a mini-excavator, so this will be on next agenda.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
POOL CHALLENGE DISCUSSION

Discussion was held offering packages with thank you mementos. This includes a mention on facebook up to a tee shirt. This is in hopes of encouraging businesses as well as individuals in donating so at least kids can swim free all summer long.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor read a thank you note from YC OPT for the donation the city made for their carnival, which was a great success.

Mayor read a letter from Southern Coffey County Honor Flight Program asking for donations for military veterans to travel to visit their memorials at no cost to the veteran or their family. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to match last year's donation. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$114,265.45. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, 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 May 15, 2023