

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 15, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 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, Cavender and Kee. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Jacob Morrison and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Reed added Open Fish Food bids to Parks & Public Lands and Mason Johnson after Joe Diver; Kee removed Joe Diver and Atkin added approve Resolution 359 for Common Consumption and Revitalize YC Kansas Pride sign 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 May 1, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

SEK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Dawne Burchett and Amber Morrison we present representing SEK Mental Health Center to ask the council to make a proclamation for May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness month. Mayor Weston read the proclamation and motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to have the Mayor sign the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

KYLE & MAGGIE OWENS

The Owens were not present.

MASON JOHNSON

Mason Johnson was present about 2 code letters he received. The first one concerned tall grass. He explained this gets put in hay every year and this is the reason it's tall. He did mention that he needs to mow or weed eat the ditches, but he will work on that. Code enforcement will need to make note that this particular property is considered hay ground. The next letter was for scrap iron. He explained he keeps the area around it mowed. As soon as the price goes up, he will remove it and sell it. Some council members have seen the pile and don't have an issue with it as long as he keeps it mowed around.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan discussed with council flying of drones. The regulations are all federal, so states and cities have to follow those regulations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
RESOLUTION 359**

Duncan presented Resolution No. 359 – A Resolution creating a temporary common consumption area in three locations in the City of Yates Center, Kansas on May 28, 2023, for the celebration of Yates Center Days. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve Resolution No. 359. Motion carried unanimously.

REVITALIZE YC SIGN

Atkin showed a picture of a sign (Kansas Pride/Yates Center) to be installed at the intersection of Fry and Reservoir Road.

**PUBLIC WORKS
MINI-EXCAVATOR**

Street supervisor Ryther presented several bids for a Mini-Excavator. He would prefer to purchase it from Foley Equipment because they are in Chanute and also has a parts drop off here in town.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to entered into a 5-year lease with annual payments of \$14,672.10 and a buy-out payment of \$26,320.00. Motion carried unanimously.

BRUSH AND LEAVES PICKUP

After a short discussion, it was decided that brush, leaves and grass would be picked up starting May 22nd. Items must be at the curb by 7 am on the 22nd to be picked up.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
MOBILE BOAT CLEANING TRAILER**

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has purchased 5 CD3 Mobile Trailers to place at various waterbodies across Kansas. The Yates Center City Lake and the Woodson State Fishing Lake have both been chosen in our area to utilize this free service. This is to keep the lakes clean and free of invasive species. The units will be in place 4-6 weeks.

FISH FOOD BIDS

YC Elevator – Floating - \$1,160 per ton
Sinking – no bid

SEK Coop – Floating - \$960 per ton
Sinking - \$1,360 per ton

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Kee to accept bids from SEK Coop for both floating and sinking fish food. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor passed a note from a person that had received a ticket from Officer Jacob Morrison praising him for his professionalism. This had been posted on facebook as well.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$58,185.52. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 5, 2023