

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Barney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call as follows: Reed, Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Shaffer, and Kee. Mayor Weston and Cavender were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Chris Bowman, Water Superintendent Scott Grogg, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee added Executive Session for Non-Elected personnel under Administrative and Quit Claim deed for SEK Coop under Parks & Public Lands.

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting and May 22, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CALVIN DE LAY HEADSTONE**

The family of Calvin De Lay has his original headstone that they have replaced with a new one. They have offered it to the city to possibly put at the De Lay stadium. After some discussion, Council thanked the family for the offer, but respectfully declined.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDINANCE 1169**

Duncan presented Ordinance No 1169-An ordinance repealing Section 9.9.1 of the City of Yates Center, Kansas code as adopted from the Uniform Public Offence Code for Kansas cities pertaining to marijuana possession within the city's limits. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to approve Ordinance No. 1169. Motion carried with Barney and Reed abstaining.

**RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVES**

A discussion took place of various ways the City could help with incentives to make our city more inviting to current and future residents. This will be discussed more in depth at a future meeting.

#### **COUNTY FAIR AD**

The newspaper sent an email about advertising on behalf of the Fair Board for the County Fair books. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to purchase a 1/8<sup>th</sup> page for \$150. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the City Attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:22 pm to reconvene at 7:32 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:32 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to give City Clerk, Janet Thompson a \$2.81 raise effective with the current pay period. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **SAFETY MORRISON 90-DAY PROBATION**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to raise Jacob Morrison's wage by 50 cents per hour effective with the current pay period for completing his 90-day probation period. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS RESIDENCE WATER SHUT OFF VALVES**

No ordinance is needed as this is stated in Section 15-106 of the City code which states: "There shall be a shutoff valve in every service line attached to the mains, the same to be placed in such places as shall be designated by the city superintendent. There shall be one or more stop and waste cocks attached to every supply pipe at some point between the water and the first outlet, so that the water can be shut off and the house plumbing entirely drained".

#### **CHILDREN PLAYING SIGNS INSTALLATION**

Discussion was held and if residents are willing to purchase the signs that the city will order, street crews will install free of charge with direction from the chief of police.

#### **SPEED BUMP ON S KALIDA CURVE**

After a lengthy discussion of speed bump, speed limit signs, stop signs or children playing signs, it was decided to turn this over to the safety committee to discuss further and with the police department.

#### **WATER DEPARTMENT SHOP**

Grogg present measurements and what the shop would be used for. Proposed size would be 60' x 40' x 14'. It would store our sewer truck, street sweeper, service truck, pipe and have space to work on bigger equipment out of the elements and be able to leave indoors overnight. It would clear out the garage area at city hall so that the new PD vehicles could be pulled in out of the elements. Motion made by Stewart, second by Kee to allow

Grogg to send out bids (once bid specs have been completed) to be delivered to city hall by 5 pm on July 14, 2023 and opened July 17, 2023 at the council meeting. Also will request building be done by October 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**MIXER REBUILT**

Grogg presented a bid for a spare mixer to be rebuilt. This is from Fluid Equipment which we purchased the previous mixer from. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to accept the bid of \$2,227.07. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
OPEN AIRPORT FENCE BIDS**

Two bids were received:

Rockin TN – Fencing & Skid Steer Services - \$3,989.20  
Dream Landscaping LLC - \$5,500.00

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Kee to accept the bid from Rockin TN Fencing & Skid Steer Services. Motion carried unanimously.

**KIDS SWIMMING PASSES**

After a short discussion, it was decided that with the donations that have been received and possibly more to come, that at this point, all kids up to 18 are going to be free of charge.

**PRIVATE SWIMMING PARTIES**

After reading in the pool manual about private parties where is states that private parties would be a maximum of one hour, motion was made by Atkin, second by Shaffer that it should read a minimum of one hour and a maximum of 2-1/2 hours. Prices will depend on number of people inside the pool area, which will determine the number of guards that need to be on duty. The Parks & Public Lands committee will work on the wording. Motion carried unanimously.

**SIGNAGE AT PIERS**

Ordinance No 1150 from June 21, 2021 stating a person must move off the pier during mowing of the pier. Since there are still issues, Duncan will draft wording for signs to be placed on piers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-CLIENT/  
ATTORNEY**

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Kee to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the City Attorney present to discuss client/attorney information. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:10 pm to reconvene at 8:20 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:16 pm.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED-SEK COOP**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give the Mayor permission to sign the quit claim deed for SEK Coop. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Barney let council know they need to start working on the budget by getting their committees together to discuss.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$59,704.19. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:20 pm.



  
Amber Barney, President of Council

ATTEST:

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 19, 2023