

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 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, Cavender, and Kee. Cathcard and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Reed removed Rockin CF Productions-Wooded lots in front of Sicka's from Parks; Barney added OPT fundraiser to Administrative; Atkin removed Executive Session-Attorney/Client from Safety and added Yates Center PD SoToxa and Yates Center PD Safety Award to Safety; Kee added Executive Session-Attorney/Client to Administrative and added Executive Session-Non-Elected Personnel to Public Works

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 Atkin to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting (Budget Hearing). Motion carried unanimously.

**DEB MIKULKA-REVITALIZE YC**

Deb Mikulka was introduced to the council by Gary Morris. Deb spoke on the housing and/or infrastructure in Yates Center due to the Chip Set plant that is going to be built in Coffey County. Revitalize YC is working on grants with this in mind and is hoping for a planning committee. They need a fast start and good planning and would like to have 1 or 2 members of the City Council to be on the planning committee. They are planning on meeting with the County Commissioners as well as the Chamber and will also contact Coffey County.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to support the coop project between City, County, Chamber and Revitalize YC for general Economic Development. Motion carried unanimously.

**KELLI MILLS-EXTENDED CAMP TIME**

Kelli Mills, representing her and her husband Scott have recently purchased the former Brilke Salvage yard. They have a lot of time to invest in cleaning the property. They have full time jobs, so they are only able to come on the weekends to clean. They have checked into the motel rate, Stillwaters and even a rental. It's very expensive and they have a camper, which they parked this past weekend at the South Owl RV site. She is estimating and hoping it will be a 3-year project. She was hoping they would be able to leave their camper at a site for an extended period of time.

After some discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow the Mills' to park their camper at the Armory RV site, since they only need 30 amp, and only charge \$5.00 per night. This will start September 1, 2023, and they will need to address council next year to extend this agreement.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**FRANK LINK-SIDEWALK GRANT**

Atkin noted that when they poured their sidewalk for Light Hardware and The Lanes, Frank Link approached him to finish the sidewalk to the east end of his portion. This was done and his portion came to \$2,493.05. Atkin took the sidewalk grant application with him and will return it to the office and will discuss at the next council meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Reed to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:17 pm to reconvene at 7:27 pm.

Meeting called back into order at 7:25 pm.

**OPT FUNDRAISER**

Barney spoke on behalf of OPT about a fundraiser on September 22 at the home football game. This fundraiser will be for funding past due meal accounts for student in the 366 district. They are asking for City volunteers to set in the dunk tank. Barney said she had already volunteered and the Mayor will check his schedule, but would like to volunteer as well.

**SAFETY**

**ORDINANCE #1173 - LIFETIME BURN** Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1173 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 7-206 TO ALLOW FOR LIFETIME BURN PERMITS. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to adopt Ordinance Number 1173. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #1174 - FIRST RESPONDER EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION** Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1174 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM DISCHARGING OR DISCRIMINATING AGAINST EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WERE MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES DUE TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE REMEDIES. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to adopt Ordinance Number 1174. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #1175 - STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES** Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1175 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFICE ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2023; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1163. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adopt Ordinance Number 1175. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #1176 – UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES** Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1176 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2023. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adopt Ordinance Number 1176. Motion carried unanimously.

**YATES CENTER PD SOTOXA** Assistant Police Chief Baker was informed Friday, August 18, that there is grant money available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Association specifically for DUI of drugs. The money will need to be spent by September 28, 2023 then will be fully reimbursed around mid- October. The police department would like to purchase a SoToxa Mobile Test System for Roadside Drug Screening Intoximeter along with 3 boxes of SoToxa Oral Fluid Test Cartridges.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to allow the police department to purchase, at their discretion, up to \$7,000 with funds coming out of General since that's where the money will be reimbursed back into. Motion carried unanimously.

**KDOT BRONZE AWARD**

Police Chief Strode announced to the Council that the Yates Center Police Department was awarded the Bronze, Community Traffic Safety Award by the State of Kansas Department of Transportation and passed the plaque received around the table.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
KIDS POND DAM**

A discussion was held on what needs to happen with the pipe in the Kids pond dam. Mayer Specialty Services did come and put a camera through the pipe and found parts of the bottom of the pipe had rusted out. City Clerk to research past minutes to find out what steps had been taken and add this item to the next meeting's agenda.

**WILSON & CO WALK THROUGH FOR  
PIPE GALLERY ON AUGUST 28**

Grogg reported there has already been a shipment of parts and supplies for the pipe gallery. Wilson & Company representatives will be here next Monday, August 28, at 9 am for a walk through and let any Council member know they were welcome to be there as well.

Also, Grogg noted that the Cleaver's Farm & Home crew will be at the Water Plant to start on the new Water shop.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-  
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to enter into a to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Mayor, City Attorney, Water/Wastewater Supervisor and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:52 pm to reconvene at 8:05 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:02 pm.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to enter back into the executive session in the council room with all parties for 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:05 pm to reconvene at 8:20 pm.

Meeting called back into order at 8:20 pm.

Motion made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to increase Joseph Jordan's wage by \$1.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to increase Scott Grogg's wage by \$1.65. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
GOLF COURSE PARKING LOT**

Atkin had been approached about smoothing out the Golf Course parking lot next to the club house. Ryther will go take a look at what he might be able to do to make it smoother.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had nothing

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$101,447.36. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:31 pm.



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Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved September 5, 2023