

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 17, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 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, Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender, and Kee. Reed was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Cathcard added Proclamation of Disaster Emergency under Safety and Stewart added Open bids for Water shop and tree limb pickup under 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 July 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with Shaffer and Kee abstaining.

**JULIE STRODE-YC OPT**

Julie Strode was present representing YC OPT and is requesting use of the pool for a back-to-school bash on either August 12 or 13 from 5-7. She believes the group will most likely choose Saturday, August 12. She said the OPT would pay for any adults. After a short discussion, council agreed to let them use the pool free of charge, including all adults. City Clerk will contact Pool Manager to make sure enough guards would be available.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**PAUL BERRERA**

Paul Berrera had been stuck in KC traffic, so arrived a few minutes late. He has proposed the purchase of building to start a used car lot. He was not present to ask for any business incentives, just wanted the council's blessing. All council agreed that they are behind him in his endeavor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**ANIMAL POUND INSPECTION**

The state inspection was performed on July 5, 2023. The final result was Satisfactory. A new law in effect is that shelters must be kept between 45 and 85 degrees F. On the day of inspection, the temperature was 79 degrees, so it was compliant. On a hotter day, most likely would not have been. An air conditioner/heater was ordered and installed July 13. The temperature on Friday was 84 degrees inside.

The other item that needs attention is drainage around the fences for cleaning. A discussion was held on options that will be researched.

**PARKING IN 100 BLOCK OF RUTLEDGE** There is some confusion on parking on the North side where the parking was changed from angle to parallel. It was requested that the street department try to cover up the angle parking lines so all cars are parking parallel only.

**COMMON CONSUMPTION ORDIN** City Attorney Duncan has done some research. He recommended holding off on drafting an ordinance until the legislature has more time to add or remove wording to the statute. The state Common Consumption just went into effect on July 1, 2023.

**YC SQUARE LOITERING** At this time, there is no city ordinance concerning loitering on the town square, nor is there currently a curfew.

**SAFETY**

**PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY**

Cathcard read the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency prepared by Chief of Police Strode. The mayor will sign the proclamation.

Cathcard also wanted to thank ALL city employees and council members that were out helping Friday night trying to clear trees and branches out of streets. There were also many residents that were out helping and he expressed thanks to all of them as well. Atkin also stated that none of our public works employees had a radio for communication. Street Supervisor Ryther was loaned one of the fire radios so he would have communications with everyone involved. He will look into what it will take to get all Public Works employees a radio.

Cathcard also expressed thanks to all involved with the help of preparation and involvement with the services for Chief Smoot.

**OPEN BIDS FOR WATER SHOP**

Bids were opened for the materials and construction of the Water Shop:

Superior Building - \$74,131.79  
Clever Farm & Home - \$64,800.00

After carefully comparing both bids, motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to accept the bid from Cleaver Farm & Home not to exceed \$64,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cavender to have the mayor sign the bid proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREE LIMB PICKUP**

With the extensive damage to trees, it was decided to give residents plenty of time to get their cleanup done. As a reminder to residents, this will be trees and limbs only. The street department requests that limbs are parallel to the street, cut close to 6 foot and stacked in the yard close to the curb, but not in the street and not sticking out into the street. The last pickup will be July 31, 2023.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor also thanked the City Street and Water departments, the City Police and Fire departments, the County officers as well as the countless other individuals coming out to help Friday evening after the storm moved through Yates Center. It was great to see everyone working together as a community.


**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

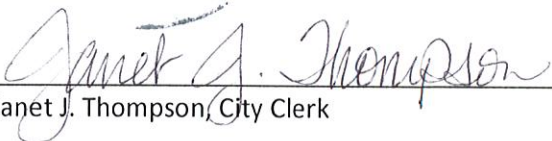
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$100,233.99. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



  
Justin W. Weston, Mayor

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved August 7, 2023