

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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, and Cavender. Reed and Kee were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther, City Clerk Janet Thompson, and Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Atkin removed Carla Mineer and Shirley Winters – Stop Sign on Highway 54 from the agenda, and added Walters-Morgan under Public Works and Parking Striping at Light Hardware and The Lanes under Public Works.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**LAISEN STITT & JOHN RIGHINI –
REZONING LOTS**

Laisen Stitt and John Righini were present to request that the council begin the process of rezoning residential lots 10 and 11, block 20, Yates Center Second Addition, owned by Mr. Righini, to commercial. Mr. Stitt and Mr. Righini would like to open a car lot at a different location, but require a properly zoned address to begin the process of acquiring a business license. After some discussion, the council suggested that Mr. Stitt and Mr. Righini use the address they are contemplating for their car lot as the temporary business address.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
FRANK LINK – SIDEWALK GRANT**

Atkin presented a sidewalk grant application from Frank Link.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin, to award a 50% match grant to Frank Link of \$1,246.53 for his sidewalk. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY

**MAKE RAY ON NORTH SIDE OF
HIGH SCHOOL A ONE-WAY STREET**

Cathcard and Strode presented a request by the high school that a portion of Ray north of the school be made a one-way street with eastbound traffic only. The council approved a 90-day trial of this request. If successful, at its conclusion the council will instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to make the change permanent.

SPEED BUMP ON MADISON

Strode presented a request from a citizen that a speed bump be placed on the 600 block of E Madison to slow traffic through the area. After some discussion, it was decided that though the council is unable to grant the request at this time, they support the citizen's concerns about residential traffic safety. The council directed that Children at Play signs are available for purchase for \$25; at which time the city will erect a post for such sign at a resident's request.

**PUBLIC WORKS
KIDS POND DAM**

Discussion of lining the trickle pipe at the Kid's Pond was tabled until the next meeting.

**WALTERS-MORGAN
EXTENSION**

Stewart presented a request from Walters-Morgan to extend the completion date of the pipe gallery due to supply delays.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin, to give the Mayor authority to grant an extension to February 28, 2024, for the completion of the pipe gallery project. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKING STRIPING AT
LIGHT HARDWARE AND THE LANES**

Atkin presented a request that the parking striping on the north and west sides of the Light Hardware and North side of The Lanes be repainted. Ryther stated that the Street Department plans to chip seal Rutledge beginning next week and will repaint the parking stripes at that time. After some thought, Ryther stated he will wait until next summer to chip seal and get the lines repainted next week.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor reminded the council that OPT will be holding their Splash for Cash fundraiser to raise money for negative student lunch accounts on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. at the Yates Center football field and encouraged everyone to attend and/or volunteer to be in the dunk tank.

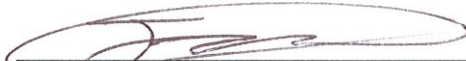
CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$78,225.10. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:52 pm.




Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Chelsea D. Goodson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved September 18, 2022