

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 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, Kee. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Scott Grogg, Code Enforcement Officer Kristen Cagle, and Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added SEK Code Compliance under Administrative, Kansas Bureau of Water under Public Works, Private Use of the Pocket Park under Parks and Public Lands, and Trickle Pipe under Parks and Public Lands.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**HAYSTACK-SETBACKS AND NEW
CONSTRUCTION**

Jason Voland was present to discuss new construction at the Haystack restaurant. The Haystack's proposed outdoor seating area would encroach on the city's 30-foot zoning setback from the right of way on Highway 54. The council heard from Mr. Voland and Code Enforcement Officer, Kristen Cagle. After discussion, the council instructed Cagle to contact the Kansas Department of Transportation for further details regarding granting the variance to the City's setbacks before a decision is made.

HAYSTACK-BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Jason Voland presented a business incentives application for the Haystack. Mr. Voland requested assistance with the business's first year of water as well as city assistance in widening the entrance to the Haystack. The council advised Mr. Voland that he must seek the state's approval regarding the entrance to his business before the city can offer assistance in the matter. The council also advised that the Haystack wait until they are ready to open before applying for the water incentive.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan was not present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
DEMOLITION DISCUSSION – 204
E WASHINGTON**

Ryther and the council discussed the logistics of demolishing the structure on the city-owned property at 204 E Washington.

ZONING & ZONING BOARD

Cathcard informed the council that one of the individuals mentioned during the last council meeting regarding the zoning board, will not be volunteering. The council discussed filling the last two positions on the zoning and appeals board. The council directed city hall personnel to contact each of the possible board members to confirm their continued interest in volunteering.

SEK CODE COMPLIANCE

After some discussion, the council decided to grant SEK Co-Op until November 1st, 2023 to remove any property from the city-owned lots and right of ways.

**SAFETY
RIFLE PURCHASES - YCPD**

Cathcard and Strode informed the council that the Yates Center Police Department is seeking permission to purchase four specialty rifles from B&T, USA using ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,225.00. Strode explained that the proposed rifles use 9 mm rounds, reducing overpenetration and streamlining ammunition purchases.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to waive the bid process for the purchase of the new rifles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to allow Chief Strode to purchase four specialty rifles from B&T, USA using ARPA funds not to exceed \$10, 225.00. Motion carried unanimously.

AXON CONTRACTS & TASERS

Cathcard explained that the police department's contract with Axon for their service tasers needs to be renewed soon. Cathcard further explained that the police department also contracts with Axon for their body cameras. It was decided that the Chief should lock in the current price for both contracts.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to waive the bid process on the body cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, for the Chief to proceed with a contract for police body cameras with Axon for 2024-2027.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to waive the bid process on the tasers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, for the Chief to proceed with a contract for police tasers with Axon for 2024-2027.

GUN RANGE

Strode presented an update on the current state of the police gun range. The council discussed ideas about repairing the range or building a new range at another location.

PUBLIC WORKS

KANSAS BUREAU OF WATER

Grogg notified the council that the Kansas Bureau of Water will assist the city with its EPA and KDHE mandated Lead and Copper Line Inventory by locating any unknown materials at no cost to the city.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

LAWNMOWER

Reed presented information he has gathered on the cost of purchasing a new commercial lawnmower for the city.

BOAT DOCK

Ryther updated the council on the boat dock that was removed from the new reservoir. Ryther suggested that the dock be replaced with a metal frame and treated wood in order to improve its longevity. The council instructed Ryther to write a bid spec for the work to be done on the dock by November 6th, 2023.

HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY

Goodson notified the council that USD #366 wishes to use the Delay Stadium for its Homecoming Pep Assembly on October 13th, 2023 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to allow USD #366 to hold its Homecoming Pep Assembly at Delay Stadium on October 13, 2023.

PRIVATE USE OF THE POCKET PARK

After discussion, the council decided to allow private reservations of the Pocket Park in the same manner that is used for the shelter-houses at Lincoln Park and South Owl Lake.

TRICKLE PIPE

Grogg notified the council that work on the trickle pipe should begin in early November. Mayer Specialties Service, LLC has asked that the water level in the kid's pond be dropped four to five feet in advance of their work.

COMMON CONSUMPTION

Atkin informed the council that a resolution allowing for a common consumption area needs to be passed for the upcoming Hayfest.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney, that Duncan draft a resolution allowing for a common consumption area for Hayfest on October 13th & 14th, 2023, and granting the mayor the authority to sign the resolution once drafted. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor advised that the Allen County Community College awarded the Yates Center Scholarship to Canon Cavender.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$98,473.26. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:03 pm.



ATTEST:

Chelsea D. Goodson, Deputy City Clerk

Justin W. Weston, Mayor

Approved October 16, 2023