

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 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, Cavender, and Kee. Reed, Cathcard and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

The Mayor added under Public Works the ditch between Wilson and Park on South Green.

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 October 2, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SHAFFER ARRIVED

Shaffer arrived at 7:04 pm

SHANE LAMB-PRAIRIE VILLA

Duncan spoke on behalf of Prairie Villa and Shane Lamb and explained that the previous developer is evidently no longer interested as he is not answering or returning calls. Mr. Lamb is no longer requesting any funds from the city and is looking into grants for some of the updating that needs to happen. Duncan stated the council needs to offer Mr. Lamb an assurance that this will not be offered to anyone else.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to support Shane Lamb in his endeavor and to allow the Mayor to sign the assurance drafted by Duncan. Motion carried unanimously.

**DAVID WADDELL-INDUSTRIAL
PARK SURVEY/ROAD CLOSING**

David Waddell was present representing himself and Tim Sicka. Sicka contacted a survey company and had his property surveyed. There is some dispute now between property owners if this survey is correct. They did find that a fence of theirs is in the City's right-of-way and they will work on getting that moved in the next 15-30 days. It was suggested they check with the register of deeds as it should lay out property lines as well.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan informed council that the city has had a law suit filed from Utility Services. The city paid them over half of the quoted price before the work. Once they were done, the city had it inspected. The job was not done correctly; therefore, the city will file a counter-suit for breach of contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

K-CAMP -vs- EMC INSURANCE

Ryther had attended a class where K-CAMP insurance pool spoke. He mentioned that Woodson County has gone to this. Duncan spoke about the differences this pool and true insurance. Because the pool is not regulated by the Insurance Commission, they can deny claims somewhat easier. After some discussion, council decided to stay with EMC, but thanked Ryther for bringing this to the table.

TOWN SQUARE SIGNAGE

The Town Square signage has been delivered and Atkin, on behalf of Revitalize YC, asked if the City would be willing to hang the signs along both highways on existing poles.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to have City workers install the billboard signs for Revitalize YC as soon as possible. Motion carried with Barney opposing and Atkin abstaining.

SAFETY

LEXIPOL FOR PD AND CITY

Strode spoke about Lexipol and getting our Police Officers and Department accredited. One of the benefits of accreditation is it will allow the department to apply for Federal grants. More research will be done in the near future.

VEHICLE UPDATE

The Ford Explorer has had to get jumped 6 or 7 times in the last 2-1/2 to 3 weeks. Battery and alternator have both been tested and appear to be good. The next step is to see how much power is being pulled while the car is not running. Strode just wanted the council to be aware.

PUBLIC WORKS

WILSON & CO REBID OF HWY 54

Michael Kramer will be sending a rebid out for highway 54 and also gave Ryther an option of an engineer come and look at anything the city feels is not correct (cost quoted).

Motion made by Stewart, seconded by Shaffer to allow the Mayor to sign Supplemental No. 1, Work Estimate Form. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryther also presented a Project Programming Request for highway 75 that needs to be signed by the mayor. Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cavender to allow the Mayor to sign the request for highway 75. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET SWEEPER

Ryther let Council know that the Street Sweeper is going to need some repairs soon. It only has 2,000 hours and he has checked prices on sweepers with ~2,000 hours are well over \$100,000 to purchase. He will have a rep come and look at it and give an estimate of repairs. The immediate problem is the conveyor belt is tearing.

TYLER COLLINS 180 DAYS PROBATION

Stewart noted Collins has reached his 180 day probationary period.

Motion made by Stewart, seconded by Atkin to increase Tyler Collins' wage by \$.25 starting with the current pay period which began Friday, October 13. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN BIDS FOR INSULATION

Dayhoff Foam Solutions, Inc.	\$13,713.00
Modern Foam Solutions LLC	\$14,800.00
Flinthills Foam Insulation LLC	\$17,000.00
KS Spray Foam Insulation, LLC	\$17,704.90

Motion was made Cavender, seconded by Barney to accept the bid from Dayhoff Foam Solutions, Inc not to exceed \$13,713.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DITCH BETWEEN WILSON & PARK ALONG SOUTH GREEN

There is a small bridge which is turning into a safety issue. Ryther will check with McVey's about removing the bridge.

There was also more discussion on the ditch on Green with more erosion happening. If we get a large amount of rain, this could also turn into a big safety issue. Ryther will get more pricing on materials.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

ROUND BALES LEFT ON HAY MEADOW

Ryther noted there are still round bales on the hay meadow at the new reservoir, which can kill grass and only weeds will grow there. In the next contract, we will add that the bales need to be removed no less than 30 days after baled.

SURVEYING AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Ryther presented a quote from Cornerstone Regional Surveying, LLC to survey the NW section of the Industrial Park. After the discussion with Mr. Waddell earlier in the evening Council discussed this and thought it would be a good idea.

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Cavender to waive the bid process for the surveying of the NW section of the Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Cavender to accept the quote from Cornerstone Surveying, LLC not to exceed \$2,400.00.

**OPEN BIDS FOR REMOVAL OF POLES,
WIRES AND MISC ITEMS AT S OWL
OIL LEASES**

Eric Boone	\$3,650.00
TS Construction	\$4,950.00

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to accept the bid from Eric Boone not to exceed \$3,650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

NORTH CITY PARK

Atkin has been approached by the county as they have some funding they would like to possibly get a park on the north side of the highway if the City would be willing to chip in some funds as well. The Mayor is researching ADA grants and has someone that is willing to help write a grant at no charge.

BIDS FOR BOAT DOCK

Ryther presented the bid specs for the boat dock. After the Council looked it over, motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to put the bids out to be back on November 20, 2023 by 5 pm.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor read a note from an individual that was cited thanking Officer Baker for his professionalism.

The Mayor read a resignation letter from council member James Reed.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

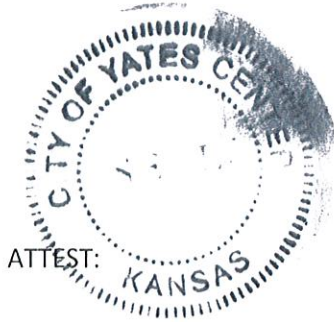
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$92,622.37. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:30 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved November 6, 2023