

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 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 with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, Street Supervisor Rodney Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**COLLETTE JACOBS LATE**

Ms. Jacobs had stated in her request that she would be later than 7 pm because of a scholar's bowl competition. When she arrives, she will have the opportunity to speak.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
.GOV DOMAIN**

Atkins reported that the city has secured the domain of yatescenter.gov. He suggested the city uses Google workspace because it has shared calendars, chat and much more. Currently paying \$971 for 17 emails, most with high volume storage of 500 MB with one having 2 GB of storage. Google workspace would be \$1,080, but each mail box would have 30 GB storage space. There is no deadline when we have to convert since we have the domain secured and the contact for the email service from Jayhawk Software does not end until August 2024.

**COLLETTE JACOBS-PICKLEBALL/  
TENNIS COURTS**

Ms. Jacobs was present to check on any available properties in town. She has secured a very small grant to get started and will be visiting with Revitalize YC. The land behind the library was the first thought, since council had just discussed wanting some type of park on the north side of town. Dimensions for tennis courts would be 60' x 120' and pickleball courts would be 30' x 60'. She will keep in contact with council.

**ANIMAL CONTROL/TRAPPING**

There have been multiple complaints about racoons in the city. A citizen cannot set traps specifically to catch racoons. According to ordinance 2-103, the city animal control officer or police officer can set a LIVE trap for nuisance animals and relocate them outside of city limits.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS OF  
STREET SWEEPER**

Ryther presented an estimate from Key Equipment for repairs on the street sweeper. For comparison purposes, he had priced a used street sweeper with the same number of hours on the motor as ours and it was around \$130,000. The estimate was for \$10,190.08.

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to waive the bid process. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cathcard to accept the estimate from Key Equipment not to exceed \$11,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**CRACK SEALANT**

Ryther let Council know that he would like to rent a machine and purchase the sealant for the cement portion of Main street south of Rutledge to Mary. There are some large cracks starting and he would like to get them repairs as soon as possible. Council asked him to get an estimate on the rental and the cost of the sealant.

**INTEGRATED CONTROLS SUPPORT  
FOR 2024**

Integrated Controls issued a proposal for renewal of support for 2024 for the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to approve the support contract in the amount of \$1,525.00 and to allow the mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROOF ON RESTROOMS AT DELAY**

Ryther presented a estimate from Superior Building for replacing the roof of the bathrooms with a metal roof. Since he hadn't seen the estimate until the meeting, Cathcard asked if there were one by or two by boards. Neither were on the estimate, so Ryther will get with Superior and have those added and bring to the next meeting.

**SELF-SERVICE KAYAK RENTALS**

The Chamber was contacted by Irish Mae Cago with RentFun wanting the city to host a self-service kayak rental. There were several safety/liability issues discussed. City Clerk will contact Cheri to let her know of the concerns, but would like to hear more from the company on how some of these would be managed.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**


The Mayor urged everyone to get out and vote on November 7.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$127,863.44. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:40 pm.



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Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved November 20, 2023