

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 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 Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Vinny Baker, Police Officer Chris Bowman, 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 November 6, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**MARVIN CHRISMAN**

Mr. Chrisman spoke briefly of his experience with the council, having served previously, and would like the opportunity to serve again.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
CITY HALL BUILDING**

The back of city hall needs some serious attention as far as repair. Since unspent, budgeted funds go back into General, funds can be encumbered to Capital Outlay for the repairs.

**CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR  
EMPLOYEES**

Short discussion was held on Christmas gift for employees. The past two years have been food baskets from G & W.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give the City employees a food basket from G & W similar to the last two years. Motion carried unanimously.

**VACANT COUNCIL POSITION**

Cathcard started the discussion of whether to fill the current vacant seat or reduce the council. City Clerk had compiled information from other cities of the same population. All cities that responded were 4 council members and a mayor. Cathcard recommended that the council consider making this move, but no action taken at this time.

## **COUNCIL PAY/BENEFITS**

Within the City Clerk's research for number of council members was also pay and benefits. No city offered any benefits and one city did not pay council or mayor. The range in pay for council was \$15.00-\$125.00 per meeting attended. The range in pay for mayor was \$50.00-\$150.00 per meeting attended. Cathcard suggested raising council from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per meeting attended and the mayor from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per meeting attended. This was only a discussion and more research will be done.

## **SAFETY**

### **ONE-WAY STREET ON NORTH SIDE OF HIGH SCHOOL (RAY)**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to keep the one-way in place on Ray Street from State to Main East bound that was a trial basis and have the city attorney draw up an ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

### **REDUCED SPEED LIMIT (SIGNS) ON MADISON**

Stewart spoke on the speed people are driving on Madison. There are 2 daycare facilities on East Madison. There was a discussion of how far the speed limit should run along Madison.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to have 20 MPH speed limit signed posted on Madison Street from Main Street to East Street. Motion carried with Cathcard, Shaffer and Cavender opposing.

### **YIELD SIGN AT RIDGE & CHELLIS**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to keep the yield sign at Ridge and Chellis that had been installed on a trial basis. Motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION- ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with council, mayor, city attorney, city clerk and Police Chief for attorney/client privilege for the purpose of discussing with the city attorney matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:42 pm to reconvene at 7:52 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:53 pm.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to go back into executive session for another 10 minutes in the council room with the same parties. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:54 pm to reconvene at 8:04 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:04 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
MANLIFT RENTAL**

Ryther presented quotes from two companies for the rental of a self-propelled manlift for the purpose of trimming trees.

Rental Center - \$3,819 for 1 month

Foley Equipment - \$2,587.35 for 1 month

There was also a discussion if the street department had a good chain saw. He had priced a Stihl trim saw (lightweight and one hand operation). It was just under \$700.00.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cavender to accept the quote from Foley not to exceed \$2,600.00 and also to purchase the Stihl trim saw. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
ROOF ON RESTROOMS AT DELAY**

Ryther stated the estimate he presented from Superior Building for replacing the roof of the bathrooms with a metal roof last meeting did have the one by boards. The total for the estimate was \$1,991.30. City crews will complete the project.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Barney to approve the estimate from Superior Building for a new metal room for the restrooms at Delay Stadium not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**GRISIER PASTURE ON 90<sup>TH</sup> ROAD**

Discussion was held on this lease. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart that at this time, the council does not want to extend the lease on the property after the end of the April 2024 lease. Motion carried unanimously.

**OPEN BIDS FOR DOCK**

The following bids were opened:

Tucks Welding - \$1,641.00

CJ Fabrication - \$1,245.00

HRC Mobile Welding - \$4,000.00

Swartz Welding - \$1,850.00

Beasleys Mobile Welding - \$5,823.70

Ryther checked specs and bids were all good. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Shaffer to accept the bid from CJ Fabrication in the amount of \$1,245.00. Motion carried unanimously.



#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor appointed Cavender as Chairman of the Parks & Public Lands. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approved the appointment of Cavender as Chairman of the Parks & Public Lands. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

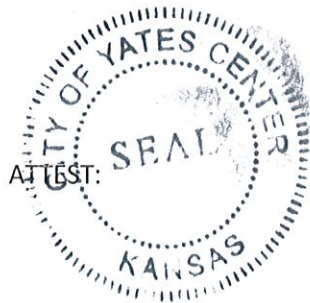
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$220,947.94. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor



ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved December 4, 2023