

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Cathcard was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Atkin added Oaths of Office under Administrative. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with Barney and Shaffer abstaining.

**SAFETY EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Shaffer to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the council room, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, Assistant Police Chief and County Commissioner Kevin Stuber 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 7:02 pm to reconvene at 7:17 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:17 pm.

CATHCARD ARRIVED

Cathcard arrived at 7:04

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan noted Cathcard arrived late because he was dealing with an emergency. He needs to amend the agenda to add Industrial Park discussion under Parks and Public Lands. Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Stewart to amend the agenda due to the emergency Cathcard had. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
YATESCENTER.GOV DOMAIN**

The police are now running into issues, especially with search warrants with the .com domain. All the police need to get assigned addresses in the .gov domain so their processes go smooth. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to get the officers assigned addresses. Motion carried unanimously.

209 W. MADISON

This was tabled for this meeting.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The City Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Council members individually. The Oaths were administered to Lyle Kee, Christopher Cavender, Charyl Stewart and John Atkin IV. Their terms will expire in 2027.

SAFETY

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

This executive session was held before the Administrative Committee reports.

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE

Duncan presented Ordinance #1180, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS LIMITING SPEED TO 20 MPH ON MADISON STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND EAST STREET IN YATES CENTER, KANSAS.

PUBLIC WORKS

BID FOR LARGE TREE AT GREEN

Street Supervisor Ryther had talked with Eric Boone about a tree that was blown over by the wind storm on July 14, 2023. After talking with FEMA, they will help with funds to get this tree removed (among other debris removal already performed by city crews). Boone's bid was for \$1,400. The public works committee approved this and Stewart will call Boone.

ACTUATOR FOR WASTWATER PLANT

After a short discussion led by Stewart and Barney, the public works employees are manually opening and closing the valves, which is not meant to be done manually. Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cathcard to waive the bid process for the new actuator. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to accept the quote from Innovative Engineered Equipment not to exceed \$8,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

POOL VACUUMS

This is tabled at this time to give Ryther opportunity to check the hose on the current vacuum.

INDUSTRIAL PARK

Bryson Owens, with Buckeye, wanted to know if he has Lot 2 as well as Lot 5. He does not have Lot 2. He, himself, also asked about Lot 1, which is in the Northwest corner of the Dan Hardy property Dan purchased from O'Brien. The city still owns Lot 1 as there was never a deed signed. It was suggested by Duncan that Owens comes to a meeting to discuss in-person.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor had nothing.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

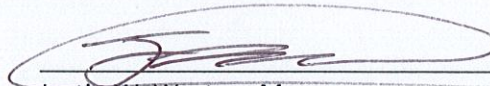
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$163,936.41. Motion carried unanimously.

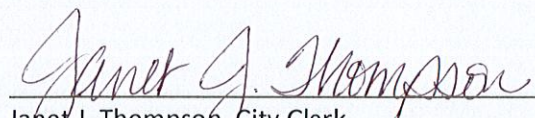
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:55 pm.



ATTEST:


Justin W. Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved January 16, 2024