

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 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, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added an Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Safety, an Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Administration and Boat Dock under Parks. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
NEW SERVER**

The City Clerk presented a quote from Advantage Computer Enterprises for a new server. The current server is from August of 2014. It is 10 years old which is the normal life of a server. Atkin would like to look over the parts for pricing and discuss at the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 5-minute executive session, in the council room, with Council, Mayor, and City Attorney, 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 7:09 pm to reconvene at 7:14 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:14 pm.

**SAFETY
EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the council room, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief and Assistant 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 7:17 pm to reconvene at 7:32 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:32 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS
LAWN MOWER & TRAILER**

Ryther had quotes from a few dealers. His preference is a Kubota diesel.

Kubota diesel - \$16,261
Grasshopper diesel - \$16,230
Husler gas - \$14,500

The Finish mower bids are:

John Deere - \$5,700
Kubota - \$4,314

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow Ryther to purchase the Kubota diesel mower not to exceed \$16,500 and the Kubota finish mower not to exceed \$4,500, with the City Clerk distributing through the various city funds. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

Ryther let the council know he had priced trailers and they range from \$2,000 to \$2,500. He has plans purchased and can build one most likely cheaper and it would be what he is specifically wanting. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to allow Ryther to purchase materials and build the trailer, with the City Clerk distributing through the various city funds. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE CDLS

There has been a question raised if our employees are exempt from CDL requirements. Several years ago they were exempt, but rules may have changed. The city attorney will research and discuss at the next meeting.

ZIPTILITY QUOTE

Stewart and Atkin spoke about the quote in the absence of the water supervisor. This is a program that will put all meters, valves, water lines and sewer lines in GPS, making it easier on the water department to locate. Also, City Hall staff can utilize it to put work orders in and can go in and verify the work has been done. Council would like research done to look at other companies. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
POOL VACUUM**

Cavender stated that Ryther had spoken to the salesman at Rec Supply and he recommended NOT purchasing the robotic vacuum because of the shape of our pool and the steps. He recommended a manual vacuum for the size of our pool for \$4,523.47 plus \$240.00 freight for a total of \$4,763.47. Council did not have to act on this since it is under the \$5,000 chairman limit to spend.

ADVERTISE FOR POOL PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to advertise for pool personnel in the newspaper, facebook pages and on the website. Motion carried unanimously.

TRACT #3 HAY GROUND LEASE

Tract #3 is the old YC Airport. The FAA just sent approval for Yates Center to re-establish an airport in this location, therefore, the lease will not be renewed.

BOAT DOCK

Ryther let council know when he went to the reservoir to put the rebuilt dock in, the rest of the dock was at water level. He's guessing the floats need replaced but he won't know until it is pulled out, which can't happen until it dries out some. He will keep council apprised.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS
APPOINT LACY-MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

Weston would like to appoint William Lacy as the City Municipal Judge.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the appointment of William Lacy as the City Municipal Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT DUNCAN-CITY ATTORNEY

Weston would like to appoint Brian Duncan as the City Attorney.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the appointment of Brian Duncan as the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT YC NEWS-OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER**

Weston would like to appoint YC News as the City's official newspaper.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to approve the appointment of YC News as the City's official newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT GN BANK AND BANK OF COMMERCE

Weston would like to appoint GN Bank and Bank of Commerce as the City's official banks.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to approve the appointment of GN Bank and Bank of Commerce as the City's official banks. Motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Kee nominated Atkin and Barney nominated herself. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to cease nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Atkin and Barney each received 3 votes. The mayor broke the tie by selecting Barney, the current president.

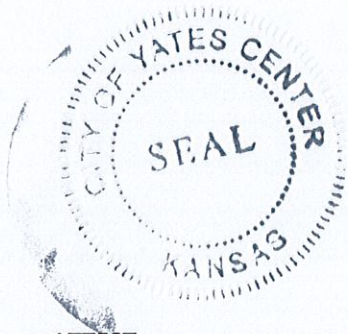
CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers from January 22, 2024, in the amount of \$127,162.66. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers from February 5, 2024, in the amount of \$80,448.26. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:25 pm.



ATTEST:

Justin W. Weston, Mayor

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved February 20, 2024