

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 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: Stewart, Atkin, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Barney and Cathcard were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Atkin added Common Consumption area under Administrative and an Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Safety. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

CAREY SPOON-LSLI

Carey Spoon came to speak about the Lead Service Line Inventory questionnaire that residents of Yates Center received about 3-4 months ago. This information is being requested from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Soon, there will be a second mailing sent out to any property owners that have not returned a survey. This survey is input into a very large spreadsheet provided by KDHE and must be completed by October 16, 2024. If any city does not comply, there is a fine of at least \$53,000 for that city. Another step is that the city will need to help residents that have put unknown on pipes to help them identify. The fewer unknowns, the better off for the city and the residents.

TOM DAVIS

Tom Davis was present representing Birdies and Bluegrass which will take place June 8, 2024. He thanked the city for supporting this cause by purchasing the fireworks at the end of the day. Through this event they have donated over \$307,000 to Friends for Life and have awarded over \$14,000 in scholarships. Last year, a storm moved in and they were not able to have the fireworks show, so they are stored in a bunker. He is not requesting the full amount the city pays for fireworks, but since it is budgeted, the city would like to make sure it goes to the cause. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to purchase the extra fireworks and then the remainder of the

budgeted \$6,000 to be written to Birdies and Bluegrass. Motion carried unanimously.

BECKY GRISIER

She had received a letter from Duncan about the leasing of the former airport land. They do not lease the airport land. Because they had come to a meeting a year ago asking for the fence to be repaired, per the deed, at the former airport, Duncan was under the understanding that they were leasing the airport.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
NEW SERVER**

The City Clerk presented a quote from Advantage Computer Enterprises for a new server plus a firewall. The current server is from August of 2014. It is 10 years old which is the normal life of a server. Atkin stated he had researched the cost of parts and could get them slightly cheaper. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to purchase the server from Advantage Computer for \$9,626 and also the Firewall from Advantage Computer for \$2,465. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA

Atkin had discussions with Chari at the Chamber about the Common Consumption Area set up. Atkin call the ABC and signage has to be clear and visible to all persons. He asked about a sign about the size of a No Parking sign and that would be sufficient. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to have the City Attorney draw up an ordinance for the Common Consumption Area including the entire square and to the allies on each of the 4 sides. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk 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 7:46 pm to reconvene at 7:56 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:56 pm.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Shaffer to enter into another 10-minute executive session, in the council room, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk 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 7:56 pm to reconvene at 8:06 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:06 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS
EMPLOYEE CDLS**

Several had researched if municipality employees are required to carry CDLS. The general consensus is that possibly they need to have a class B non-commercial license. Research will continue.

ZIPTILITY QUOTE

With the information from Carey Spoon, council decided this would be a beneficial program. Since it is \$4,100 which is under \$5,000 threshold that a chair of a committee can approve, it does not need to go up for vote.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor had nothing at this time


CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$99,427.72. Motion carried unanimously.

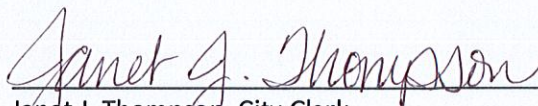
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:17 pm.




Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved March 5, 2024