

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met for a Special Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Rural Fire Barn. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call as follows: Mayor Weston, Stewart, Atkin, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Barney was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Police Officer Chris Bowman, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, and City Clerk Janet Thompson. This was a joint meeting between the City Council and County Commissioners.

#1 – Agreed on by all parties. (Maintaining 24-hour dispatch service for City police and fire departments as well as after-hours dispatching for the City public works department.)

#2 – This was a 5-year contract, city would like to take it to a 1-year contract. The Sheriff is not in favor of that at all. The City was willing to split the different with a 3-year contract. The Sheriff would not go anymore than 4 years, so the city agreed.

#3 – The City is willing to pay \$30,000 per year with a \$1,000 increase each year. The Sheriff and County agreed to this.

#4 – Agreed on by all parties. (The City will not be responsible for additional costs associated with dispatching services.)

#5 – Agreed on by all parties. (The County is responsible to compensation, discipline and termination of dispatch employees.)

#6 – Protocols and procedures were requested from department heads in emergency/first responders were asked to get these to Annette Benteman and she has received none. The city will get theirs to Benteman in 30 days and then the Sheriff and dispatch will have 30 days to accept or reject. There will be a first responder meeting in April, so some council members may attend.

#7 – Agreed on by all parties. (Dispatch policies, procedures and operations meeting the requirements of KLEAP).

#8 – Originally the Sheriff wanted all complaints to come to him and only from the Chiefs of Police and Fire. The City is strongly opposed to this. Changes made to include a designee of the Chiefs, the Mayor, or any City Councilman. The Sheriff requested 10 business days to address the complaint and to have it in writing. The City agreed.

#9 – County did not like the wording "Dispatch must comply with and perform...". City change it to "Dispatch shall endeavor to perform...".

#10 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of being involved in the filling of the dispatch staff.

#11 – Agreed on, however, remove CAD, digital, or other similar technology, but leaving radio in.

#12 – This will be the replaced by the county’s #11 wording.

#13 – This will be combined into #6. They mentioned that the south school’s warning whistle gets stuck and they have to push to cancel several times. Atkin let them know it’s a simple fix with an encoder that he can help with.

#14 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of maintaining equipment.

#15 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of maintaining logs of equipment maintenance.

#16 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of up-to-date software and subscriptions.

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#18 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of ensuring federal and state licenses and permits are kept up-to-date.

#19 – Agreed on by all parties. (FCC licenses held by the city will remain the responsibility of the city.

#20 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of maintaining logs of licenses with initialization, renewal and expiration dates.

#21 – City agreed to make this on only calls pertaining to the city as far as complaints of the reports and event logs pertaining to that dispatched call.

#22 – City agreed to strike this entire paragraph of personnel meeting the minimum core competence and training standards as they state there are not standards set by the State of Kansas.

#23 – Benteman does not like the word “log”. She keeps certificates of training if a file. The city is willing to strike the work “log” in this paragraph.

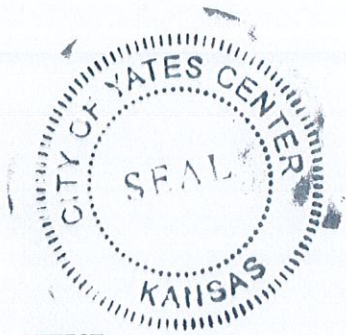
#24 – This is dealing with suspending a payment if the city doesn’t feel dispatch is not complying with the contract. Schlotterbeck and Duncan will work on getting this reworded.

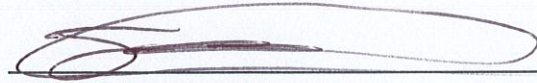
#25 – Agreed on by all parties. (Termination of contract by written 90-day notice).

#26 – Dispatch thought there was no need for the stand-alone dispatch center in the contract. City would like to leave it as a reminder this is the direction both the City Council and the County Commissioners would like to move towards.

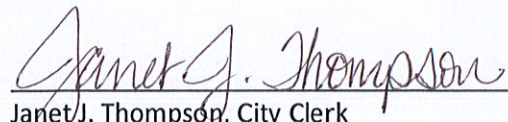
A joint committee will be made up of John Atkin, Kevin Stuber, Annette Benteman and Tim Dimick to start discussions on the stand-alone dispatch center.

Meeting was adjourned by Woodson County Commissioners at 8:03 pm.




Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved March 5, 2024