

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Cathcard and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Christopher Bowman, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Cornerstone Bakery business incentive after City Attorney comments; open Code Mowing bids and City Hall building bids under Administrative and open Fish Foods bids under Parks and Public Lands. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CATHCARD ARRIVE

Cathcard arrived at 7:20 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

**HOPE UNLIMITED – CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH & SEXUAL
ASSULT AWARENESS MONTH**

Donita Garner, Mardell Pringle, Kayla Knavel and Molly Shaughnessy we all present to ask that the City proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month as well as Sexual Assault Awareness month. Last year between Hope Unlimited, Kansas Child Service League and CASA, there were over 65 families served. Kee stated even when he was Police Chief, he was able to utilize Hope Unlimited and appreciated everything all of them were doing.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to allow the Mayor to sign both proclamations for April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORNERSTON BAKERY -
BUSINESS INCENTIVE**

Jessica and Linda Busted were present to ask for business incentive money. They have several repairs and upgrades they have done and still need to do. Kee would like to award them \$5,000 in business incentives once receipts are presented as well as giving free water for a year. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cavender to award Cornerstone \$5,000 in business incentives when receipts are presented along with free water for a year. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUSINESS INCENTIVES DISCUSSION**

Atkin has had several questions from business owners about the business incentives. He would like to see the budget revamped with more funds in the business incentive. Possibly start out with \$1,000 and the next year come back and ask for slightly more. This will require for the budget to be increased and possibly combine the sidewalk grant line and the business incentive line into one line. This can be done by passing a Resolution. Also had some discussion about starting a residential incentive, mainly for beautification of homes, ie paint.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to have the attorney draw up a Resolution (#363) to combine the sidewalk grant line and the business incentive line in the budget into to one business incentive line in the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY HALL BUILDING BIDS

Since there were no bids, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to extend the bid deadline to 5 pm on May 3 and to open the bids at the May 6 Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CODE MOWING BIDS

The one bid for Code Mowing was opened:

Green Acres Lawns Care - \$100 per lot-first time mowing; \$50 per lot all mowings thereafter

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to accept the bid from Green Acres Lawns Care. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
FISH FOOD BIDS**

Bids were opened for fish food:

LeRoy Coop (YC location)
Floating – 4T - \$970/ton = \$3,880
Sinking – no bid

SEK Coop
Floating – 4T - \$962/ton = \$3,848
Sinking – 3T - \$1,357/ton = \$4,071

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to accept the bid for Sinking food from SEK Coop. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Atkin to accept the bid for Floating food from LeRoy Coop. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor would like to re-appoint Teri Black to the Library Board through April 2028. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to accept the Mayor's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

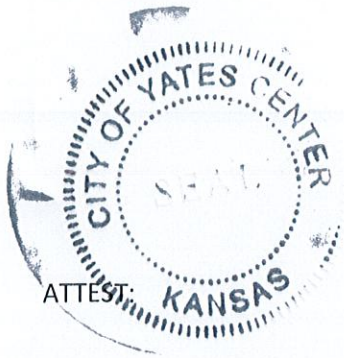
The Mayor would like to re-appoint Katie Rogers to the Library Board through April 2028. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to accept the Mayor's appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$139,951.20. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:40 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved May 6, 2024