

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 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: Barney, Stewart, Cathcard, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Atkin and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee added Limb Pickup from storm and an executive session for non-elected personnel under Administration. Also added an executive session for non-elected personnel under Public Works and Pool Party give away for Yates Center Days and Admissions to the Pool under Parks & Public Lands. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

**MARK RINEHART & TRICIA  
STOCKEBRAND-LIBERT HOMESCHOOL  
ALLIANCE-DELAY STADIUM**

Mark Rinehart read a statement that the LHA is still interested in purchasing Delay Stadium as stated at the March 18, 2024 meeting. If they were allowed to purchase it, it would be accessible to Yates Center School and Recreation when they are not utilizing it. If they ever dissolve, the city would be the first to be offered the property back. A short discussion of a lease agreement was held, but in order to apply and receive grants, they would have to own the property. If purchased, they would hope to start building in 6 months to a year.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to hold a town hall meeting at the City Fire Meeting room on June 25 from 7:00-9:00 pm for the public to attend so they are informed and give their opinions whether to sell or not. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATKIN ARRIVED**

Atkin arrived at 7:16.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing at this time.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
PRAIRIE NORTH OF GUN CLUB**

Jason Deal was present to explain he had been out at South Owl on the west side and noticed someone had sprayed some of the native prairie and killed all of the wildflowers and grass. City Clerk will check into the Gun Club lease and call Wendell Leis who rents the 37 acres just on the north side to see if he knows who might have sprayed or if someone sprayed the wrong tract of land.

**LIMB PICKUP FROM 5/19 STORM**

A short discussion on how many limbs were downed from Sunday's storm. Mayor Weston had driven the town earlier in the day and said there were quite a few, majority of them being in the inch to inch and three-quarter size limbs. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to have the street crew pickup limbs through May 31<sup>st</sup>, but as many as they can before this weekend and have the citizens call city hall to get on a list for pickup. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the council room, with the council, Mayor, and city attorney to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:46 pm to reconvene at 8:01 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:01 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into a a 10-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 8:02 pm to reconvene at 8:12 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:11 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
POOL PARTY FOR YC DAYS**

After a short discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to donate a raffle prize of a 2-hour pool party for up to 20 people plus a \$100 Visa card. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMISSIONS TO THE POOL**

After a discussion and the hopes that the city receives more donations, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to allow children 18 and under to swim free of charge for the 2024 pool season. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

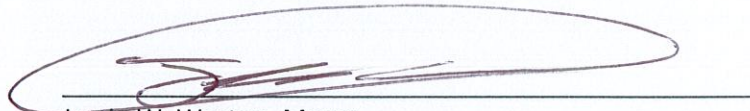
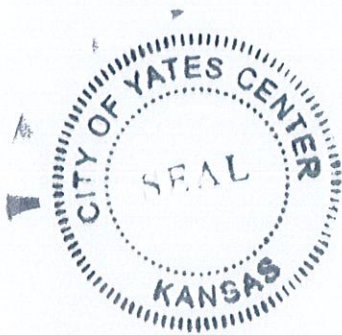
Nothing from the Mayor.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$61,070.88. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Justin W. Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 3, 2024