

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Atkin, Cathcard and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Jacob Morrison, Street/Parks Supervisor Rodney Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added an executive session for Attorn/Client under Public Works. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender 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.

ATKIN ARRIVED

Atkin arrived at 7:01.

**BILLY SCHEER-ROAD CLOSURE
BETWEEN HIS AND FARMER
PROPERTY**

Billy was present to ask about closing a road that is not ever used east of the Kalida and Holloway intersection. Farmer's cows use the slue right by the road and they are tearing up the slue and it's starting to erode. He was advised that he will need to go to the appraisers office to get more details about the right-of-way and may actually need to get a survey done if he wishes to pursue this.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
TRANQUILIZER GUN TO PLEASANTON**

Becky with the City of Pleasanton would like to purchase one of our tranquilizer guns. Chief Strode could only find one, but there are other places that haven't been checked. Kee told Strode where he kept the inventory sheets and Strode found it with the serial numbers on it. No one has looked at the pound yet or the animal control/code truck. A decision will be made later when both are found.

**SAFETY
HIRING POLICE OFFICER**

Officer Bowman has resigned, last day being June 6. Strode has put out some inquiries to other agencies for both full-time and part-time. Hoping to get some applications in soon.

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

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 5-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 7:28 pm to reconvene at 7:33 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:33 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
FISH FEEDER REPLACEMENTS**

Ryther let council know that one of the fish feeders at South Owl has the spinner mechanism out. Justin Morrison has pulled the feeder out of the kids pond as it's much easier to stand on the dock and feed, rather than unload the boat to fill one feeder. They are going to save this one and order parts to fix the other one.

**POOL WAGES FOR RETURNING
PERSONNEL**

After a short discussion, motion was made by Barney, seconded by Kee to increase all returning personnel by 25 cents. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT MOWING

Ryther needed clarification on how short the grass needed on the airstrip. It took 3 guys their 8-hour shift to mow one day. Atkin stated the runway needs to be around 4". There are around 3 people, at the moment, using the airstrip. Atkin also stated the state may have some surplus mowers we could get for a much cheaper price. He also is looking into grants to get the runway smoother and get lights put back in.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor read the results from the fishing derby that was held on June 1. There were 96 kids in attendance, 165 fish caught, Medals were given in two different age groups for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Each of the 1st place winners also received prizes and the 1st fish caught and the most fish caught received a trophy and a prize. The heaviest fish was an 8.1 pound channel cat. Hay Capital Outdoors weighed the fish and the Masons cooked the hotdogs for lunch.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$65,015.65. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:54 pm.



ATTEST:

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Justin W. Weston, Mayor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet J. Thompson", is written over a horizontal line.
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 17, 2024