

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2024, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Barney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call as follows: Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Mayor Weston and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Robbie Atkins, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Atkin added Executive Session for non-elected personnel under Public Works. 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 August 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

**MEGAN CLINESMITH-SEKMCHD**

Megan Clinesmith with the SEK Multi-County Health Department was present to introduce herself and talk about the health and well-being of the residents. Covid seems to be re-emerging so she brought a box of at home tests. If anyone needs more, they are available at the Health Department and the Pharmacy. You should take a test as soon as you start to feel symptoms. After that, two more times, every other day. When asked about the next vaccine, she is hoping it will be out mid-September.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
CHRISMAN TRADE SECRETS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Chrisman's, Council, and City Attorney for Trade Secret privilege for the purpose of discussing with the council matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:08 pm to reconvene at 7:23 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:23 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a second 15-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Chrisman's, Council, and City Attorney for Trade Secret privilege for the purpose of discussing with the council matters of a confidential character. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:25 pm to reconvene at 7:40 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:40 pm.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to open the budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Grogg had questions about his water budget being cut and Atkin and Kee wanted to verify the Airport was in the budget as discussed. The city clerk went to print the entire budget for council, but the printer did not print right. There was some time spent passing the budget out, but once council had all pages, some discussion took place. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to close the budget hearing, and approve the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**WATER RATE DISCUSSION**

A discussion was held about whether to charge water rates by the size of the meter or the zoned location. It was decided by council that water rates will be charged by the following: 1) Agricultural; 2) Commercial; or 3) Residential. Atkin requested the city attorney to draft an amendment to the current ordinance following the Agricultural, Commercial and Residential.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council and City Attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:35 pm to reconvene at 8:45 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:43 pm.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cathcard to give Scott Grogg a \$1.00 per hour raise for passing the Wastewater II class. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

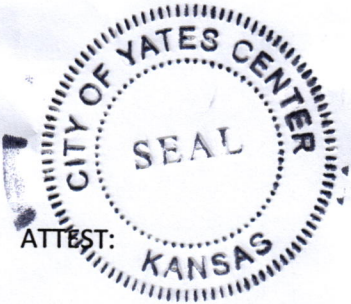
The mayor was absent.

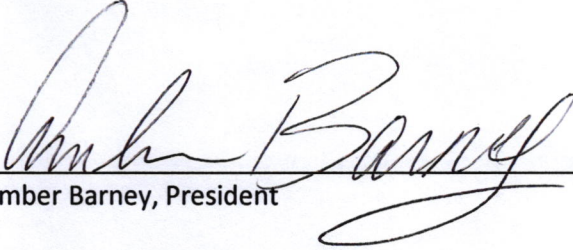
**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

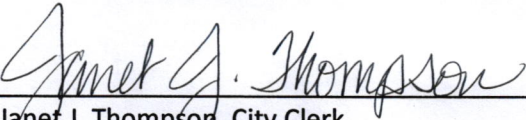
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$61,794.71. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:45 pm.



  
Amber Barney, President

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved September 3, 2024