

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 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, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Cathcard was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Kee removed Approval of Ordinance 1882 (Water Rate Descriptions) under Public Works, add Kelli Mills to agenda, make the Chrisman discussion an Executive session for Trade Secrets and add Waymare Block under Administrative. 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 July 15, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**KELLI MILLS**

Kelli Mills was present to ask Council about extending their time at South Owl while working on the former Brilke property. They are hoping to have water and electric on the property in 1-2 years after more cleanup is completed. They appreciate the opportunity to use the camp ground, especially with the motel closing. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to extend their time with the same price until they have water and electric on the property. Motion carried unanimously.

**JULIE STRODE – OPT**

Julie Strode with OPT was present to ask for use of the pool for their annual back to school bash and allow everyone free swimming from 5 – 7 pm. After swimming the Mason's will be cooking hotdogs and they will have popcorn and snow cones and then a movie.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to allow OPT the use of the pool free of charge. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
CHRISMAN TRADE SECRETS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Chrisman's, Council, Mayor, 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 7:13 pm to reconvene at 7:28 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:28 pm.

**KYLE KIMBELL & KAREN HARTWIG**

Both were here to object to the Lead Service Line survey. Council let them know it is their right to refuse to fill out the survey. Mrs. Hartwig requested a Certified copy of the Charter Ordinance when the city began. She also requested a copy of the latest Sewer Environmental survey.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-  
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into a 20-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:51 pm to reconvene at 8:11 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:06 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to promote Kristen Cagle to Deputy City Clerk/Municipal Court Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to lower all adoption fees for animals from \$50 to \$25 to be reimbursed if the owner spay or neuter the animal. Motion carried unanimously.

**WAYMARE BLOCK**

Emily Beesly has the two buildings just west of Diamond Bunker that will have 2 short-term living spaces and 2 retail spaces. They would like to have some gravel put behind the buildings in the ally for around 3 vehicles to park. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to have street crew dump a load of gravel and spread behind the buildings at the supervisor's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER RATE DISCUSSION**

A discussion was held about whether to charge water rates by the size of the meter or if the location is considered industrial. More research will be done and discussed at a later date.

**ORDINANCE #1883 - STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES**

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1883 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFICE ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2024; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1175. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to adopt Ordinance Number 1883. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #1884 – UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES**

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1884 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2024. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adopt Ordinance Number 1884. Motion carried unanimously.

**LETTER FROM KDHE**

Grogg just talked to Brady Taylor and also to Darren Martin with KRWA. The by-products that testing showed higher than allowed, a person would have to drink 3 gallons of the water a day for 100 years before you notice anything. The reason for the increase in by-products was because Woodson RWD 1 had chlorine issues so it was bumped up at the water plant. Grogg is to draft a letter for the mayor to sign stating the city acknowledges and will work to fix the problem.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The mayor read a thank you note from the Showmanship winner, thanking the city for the sponsorship.

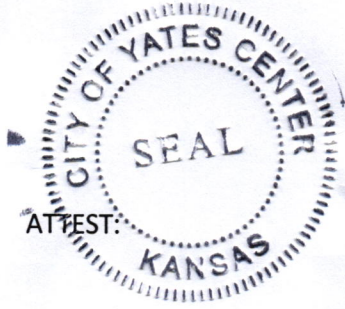
**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers from July 22 in the amount of \$277,681.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers from August 5 in the amount of \$81,508.48. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



ATTEST:

Justin W. Weston, Mayor

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved August 19, 2024