

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 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, Atkin, Cathcard, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Stewart and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg, Deputy City Clerk Chelsea Goodson, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Water/Sewer Ordinance description under Public Works. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney 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 1, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

BUDGET MEETING CONTIUED

Council continued with the budget meeting that had started at 6 pm. After a few more items were discussed, this portion ended at 7:16 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
FAIR PREMIUM PURCHASE**

After short discussion about the Fair Premium purchase, the council would like Assistant Chief Baker to bid on a fair animal on behalf of the city.

**PUBLIC WORKS
WATER/SEWER ORDINANCE
DESCRIPTIONS**

The audit noted that according to the Water rates ordinance, there is a business not being charged as a commercial consumer. Research was done and a committee meeting held, but the city attorney wanted this information brought in front of the entire council. The Water rates only state rates for rates within the city and Commercial Water rates. In the Sewer rates it is defined by the size of the meter. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to have the City Attorney draft an amendment to the current Water rates including the definitions that are included in the Sewer rates. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor has an engagement letter from Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips for the December 31, 2024 audit to sign.

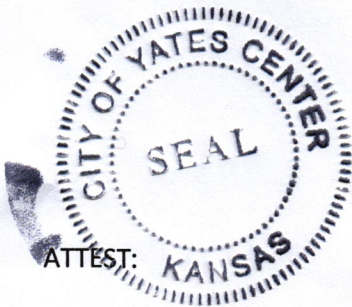
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to allow the mayor to sign the letter to perform the audit. Motion carried unanimously.


CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

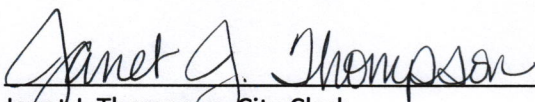
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$184,826.08. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:46 pm.




Justin W. Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved August 5, 2024