

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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, Cathcard, Shaffer and Kee with one vacant position. Cavender was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Atkin added Executive Session for non-elected personnel and Kee added Roof on City Hall under Administrative. Kee also added Armory Camp Ground under Parks and Atkin added Parking on Rutledge 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 Barney, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Shaffer abstaining.

RYAN NIETO

Nieto was present to discuss the membership benefits of the Chamber. After some discussion and explanations Lesli Banner asked to speak. She let everyone know, since two weeks ago when the Chamber was discussed they are in the process of making a list of benefits for business owners that are not members of the Chamber. They will be glad to advertise their events on their website and in the newsletter. The business owner will need to let the Chamber know of the event. Anyone is welcome to attend a Chamber meeting the 3rd Tuesday of most months (usually December they don't have a meeting because of the holidays). The Chamber would love to work with other organizations, like OPT, to make events even better. In the end Nieto was told he really needed to attend a Chamber meeting as the City has no control over the Chamber.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR BILLS & FINES The mayor requested the City Clerk look into Online Payments for Water Bills and Court Fines. Thompson presented a quote from Advantage Computer for the City to start accepting online payments for Water Bills, Fines, and other types of payments. This requires 2 separate modules because the Court payments go into a separate bank account than the Water payments. The Credit card company is payment 50% of the modules, which are \$1500 each, so the City only has to pay \$750 each. There will also be an increase in the support contracts for JUS (water) and JCS (court) of \$50 annually. Thompson was asked how much time it would save with phone calls. She's not sure of a number, but thought it would be significant. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to approve the quote from Advantage Computer for \$1600 for Online Bill Pay. Motion carried unanimously.

ROOF FOR CITY HALL

Ryther received estimates for coating of the entire roof and replacing the entire roof. Ryther also mentioned that the lower part of the roof (the East side) is sagging, so he is concerned about added weight with the coating. Cathcard will try to get a look underneath the roof to see what could be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Police Chief present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:18 pm to reconvene at 8:28 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:28 pm.

PARKING ON RUTLEDGE

Atkin would like to see the North side of Rutledge put back to angle parking instead of parallel. The reason it was changed around 3 years ago is because multiple accidents came very close to happening. Atkin stated that people drive by and see all the cars parked thinking the bowling alley is packed so they go somewhere else. Because of the possibility of accidents, Council would like to leave the North side as parallel. Atkin asked then if we would get signs for the 2 residents that live on Rutledge so that their parking is reserved for them. Ryther will get those ordered.

ATKIN EXCUSED HIMSELF

Atkin had to leave for a few minutes, leaving at 8:33 pm and returning at 8:40 pm

**PARKS
RESTROOMS AT POCKET PARK**

The Mayor would like to look into building a Men's and Women's restroom at the pocket park on the square. The high school building trades class would be willing to build it. This will be a 2025 project, so more discussion will follow.

ARMORY CAMPGROUND

Ryther would like to upgrade the Armory Campground, especially with the motel closing. We would need to have sewer hookups for the 10 sites plus add 50 amp electric to each site. Council asked that he look into the cost and bring it back to the table.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and Street Supervisor 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 8:43 pm to reconvene at 8:58 pm. Meeting called back into order at 9:00 pm.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor had nothing.

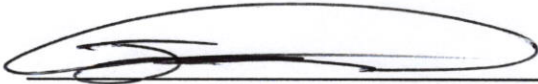
CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$79,610.60. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Barney to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:01 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved December 2, 2024