

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: Police Officer Jake Morrison, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Roof on City Hall under Administrative. 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 Atkin, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

YCHS STUDENT COUNCIL

Aubrey Chambers and Clayton Culver representing the Student Council along with their sponsor Tasha Steele were present to request funds to help purchase a chili/cheese machine. This will be used at sports events to help the club make money for various projects. The total cost of the machine they would like is \$680. There was a County Commissioner present so Kee asked if the County would be willing to go half with the City and he said most likely.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to pay half of the \$680 (\$340) for the chili/cheese machine. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

CARLEY NELSON-90 DAY PROBATION

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to give Carley Nelson, Animal Control officer, a .50 cent raise beginning November 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Lesli Banner, president of the Chamber spoke. Their budget is approved by the City and County. The city gives the Chamber \$20,000 a year which is 13% of their total budget. The County gives around \$36,000. They get a few donations through the year and make some money for various activities they sponsor, the biggest being YC Days, plus member dues. In turn, they donate money back to the community during Hayfest, Friends for Life, Festival of Lights, Adopt a Child and the Easter Egg Hunt.

If no dues were paid, the Chamber would have to ask for around \$50,000 from the City.

There was a public outcry when the Chamber voted on canceling the Halloween parade. They had a meeting a voted to re-instate it.

The Council thanked the board members for coming in and that they had learned some things they didn't know.

Atkins wrote a letter of appreciation to the Halloween committee and the board of the Chamber for listening to the public and re-instating the Halloween parade. All Council and the Mayor and City employees present signed the letter.

ROOF FOR CITY HALL

The Street crew worked on leaks at City hall last week. There are multiple leaks in various places. Kee estimated the roof has been there 25-28 years. Atkin suggested looking into sealing the entire roof. Council would like to have bids on both sealing the roof and replacing the roof. Cathcard said he could help with bid specs. Ryther will contact some contractors for both.

SAFETY FIRE EQUIPMENT

Atkin noted we have ARPA money left that needs to be obligated by the end of the year. Air pack bottles need replaced. They can buy used 45 psi packs to last at least 10 years for approximately \$1,200. AEDs for trucks run \$1,750 and they would need 3 and that would be \$5,250. Thermal imaging cameras would be \$13,500 for 3. The last thing would be barricades that would have multiple uses for the City and would be stored at City Hall for \$2,750. All of this is around \$43,000.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Stewart for the Fire Department to utilize the remainder of the ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

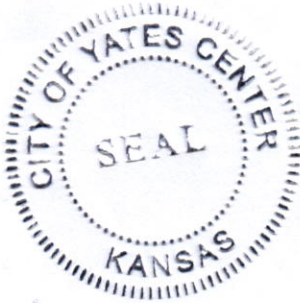
The mayor had nothing.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$85,310.49. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:37 pm.



Justin Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved November 18, 2024