

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 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, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Atkin and Cathcard were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Jake Morrison, Deputy City Clerk Kristen Cagle and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added an Executive Session for non-elected personnel under Safety. 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 Barney, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLY SCHEER-RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. Scheer was here again to discuss the right of way south of his property. Weston went to look at the waterway where a street is platted. It does appear that the joining property's owner's cattle have made the waterway deeper and wider plus some erosion has occurred. Scheer has a fence on the north side of the waterway, but there is no fence on the south side of the waterway. Scheer is trying to clean some trees out and asked about some limbs that hang over the other property. Duncan said if it's just limbs, but the tree is on Scheer's property, the law says he has 3 feet for clean up.

Duncan will research whether or not the resident to the south needs to build a fence or if the city would be partially liable for some of the cost because of the right of way. This will be discussed at the next meeting on October 21, 2024.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE**

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD RENEWAL

The City Clerk presented the renewal for BCBS Insurance. It went up 12.22% this year. Last year it went down 13.32%, so when the budget was made, the amount from the previous year was left the same, so this increase is covered. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to approve the renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LIAISON

Barney stated she has served as the liaison for the Chamber and her term is almost over, so she would like the mayor to appoint another person, however, she will serve one more year.

DELAY STADIUM DISCUSSION

Barney would like the city to retain the stadium. She would be honored to take on finding grants and start cleaning and restoring. She will contact Coach Panko to work on grants as well. Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Kee that the city retain Delay Stadium and not entertain any more offers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer that the mayor appoint Barney to spearhead the Delay Stadium project. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

**SAFETY
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney and Chief Strode present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:39 pm to reconvene at 7:49 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:46 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
SOUTH OWL CAMPING DISCUSSION**

Cagle and Thompson started the discussion how some campers will pull in, possibly occupying a reserved spot and not paying for their stay. Discussed only letting campers stay (especially down at the lake) only if they reserved. This still does not stop people from pulling in, staying and then leaving without paying. Chief Strode stated when he worked at Altamont they had locks on the utilities. Everyone thought this was a great idea. Strode and the clerks will work together to present a plan to get in place.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor had nothing.

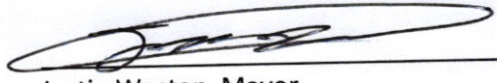
CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

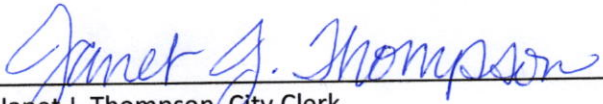
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$98,958.40. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Shaffer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:00 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved October 21, 2024