

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Shaffer was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED**

Atkin added Vacant Structure Ordinance and HAT Survey, Revitalize YC under Administrative; and added Ryan Panko before the main meeting. 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 September 3, 2024 meeting. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

**RYAN PANKO-DELAY STADIUM**

Mr. Panko was present to discuss the possibility of playing some regular season football games at Delay Stadium. He did note that 2 light poles were blown over at the end of June from a storm. He said to replace all the lights was going to range from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Council asked the City Clerk to check with insurance to see if a claim could be filed. Panko said they could have an earlier game or they are allowed 1 afternoon game per year. Tower lights are available for rent at a rate of around \$1,000 to \$3,000. You can also rent a trailered score board since there isn't one there at around \$12,000 to \$15,000. Also, would need some type of speaker system.

Building trades classes could build a new press box. There are locker room underneath the stadium, but in the past the swimming pool has been used. The school would take care of the mowing. Next year is Yates Center's year to host the Football Jamboree with Hartford and Sedan and this would be an opportunity to use the stadium as well.

He has looked into a few grants, but still researching. There is a FEMA Grant which would mean the stadium would have to be turned into a storm shelter. He also mentioned reaching out to alumni for donations.

Bleachers for opposing side could be moved from the ball fields and one of his assistant coaches could weld some goal posts.

As he gathers more information or ideas, he will keep in touch.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**HAT (HOUSING ASSESSMENT TOOL)**

Revitalize YC has been working on some grants, but in order to receive some, HAT has to be done. They have found a company that will do the leg work that would not exceed \$6,000 (\$1,000 down and then \$100 per hour up to a total of \$6,000). Atkin would like to have the cost split between the City, County and Revitalize YC. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to pay \$3,000 if the County is willing to pay the other \$3,000 so Revitalize YC can keep their funding. Motion carried unanimously.

**VACANT STRUCTURE ORDINANCE**

Atkin has been researching ordinances from other cities dealing with vacant structures, whether it's a business or residence. This is to encourage property owners to either clean up and repair the building or tear it down. There would be registration fees and some exclusions. Duncan will do some research as well.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**COFFEY COUNTY RWD #2**

Grogg had a call from Coffey County RWD #2 about the possibility of tapping into our water supply line to Wilson County RWD #9. They would actually tap into the line that goes to Virgil at 180<sup>th</sup> Road. This would be basically for an emergency resource. The City may have to look at expanding the reservoir in the future, not just for this reason, but for droughts as well. Council would like for Coffey County RWD #2 representative to come to a meeting to discuss further.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS**

**GUN CLUB AGREEMENT**

The City Clerk received a call from a business owner wanting to host a benefit at the Gun Club on the West side of South Owl. When she pulled the file to see who he should contact, she realized the agreement had expired. All previous agreements have been for 10 years. Duncan will draw up a new agreement for 10 years.

**ROAD TO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TRAINING CENTER**

Ryther wanted clarification on exactly where to put gravel at the training center. Atkin stated they would need gravel for the pad where they will have the units set and the road and driveway. Ryther asked if any gravel was needed west of the pad and Atkin said no.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The mayor two forms for the Highway 54 CCLIP-SP project he needs to sign. The first is the Actual PE-Utility Cost Summary Form. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to allow the mayor to sign the form. Motion carried unanimously.

The second form is the CCLIP-SP Project Reimbursement Summary Form. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to allow the mayor to sign the form. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$254,878.11. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:10 pm.



  
Justin Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved October 7, 2024