

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2025, 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 (arrived at 7:03 pm), Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Martin Shomaker, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee removed the Grant Writer from the beginning of the 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 Shaffer, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HOPE UNLIMITED

Donita Garner, Marie Parker, Aimee Daniels, Leah Young, and Robert Poydacak, representing Hope Unlimited and CASA were present to ask the City to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. They have teamed up with various groups to help children. They had a coloring contest recently for first through third grades in 9 different schools and winner's pictures will be in their respective newspapers. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and to allow the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

REVITALIZE YC

Gary Morris, Dirk & Clara Sorenson representing Revitalize YC would like to start a Farmer's Market. They have already check with the other group that is starting a Farmer's Market and they are having theirs on Saturdays. They would like to hold theirs on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00 starting in May and ending in September. It will be on the West side of the square (State Street) and would like barricades on Rutledge and Butler.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to allow Revitalize YC to host a Farmer's Market every Wednesday from May to September from 5:30 to 7:00 with barricades provided by the city. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

GARY MORRIS

They have purchased a house on North Grove and will turn it into an Air B&B. They will be repainting and putting new windows in. Council asked him to fill out the Business Incentive paperwork and then they will review.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
LIBRARY ROOF**

The roof of the library has a few shingles that are missing. The city carries the insurance but council feels the library board should take care of this expense.

PUBLIC WORKS

PAY INCREASE FOR CDL-CLASS A OR B

After a short discussion, motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cavender to give Class A CDL a \$1.00 per hour increase and Class B CDL a .50¢ per hour increase. Cagle has passed his Class A CDL. They must also stay employed by the city for 3 years or pay the expenses back. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY SIGNS

The survey Ryther received, the signs were priced at \$39,200. He sent the list to where we get our signs from and the quote came back \$9,033. Council would like to have Duncan look the survey over before acting on this. City Clerk will email to him.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
RESERVOIR DUMP SITE**

After a short discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to close all limb dumping at South Owl. The city does have an ordinance in place. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to allow the City Clerk to post on facebook and the website along with an ad in the paper to notify residents that no more brush, tree or other dumping will be allowed at South Owl. Fines can be as much as \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTH OWL DAM REPAIR REPORT

Duncan will review further and contact state.

204 E. WASHINGTON

The individual that had the highest bid couldn't get the money for a house on the property, so they withdrew their bid. After a short discussion of putting bids back out or giving the next highest bid the option, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to contact the next highest bidder. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

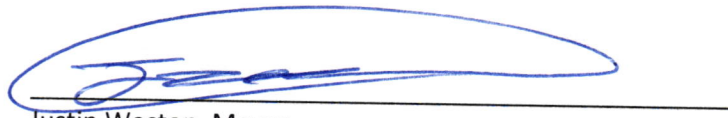
Nothing from the Mayor.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

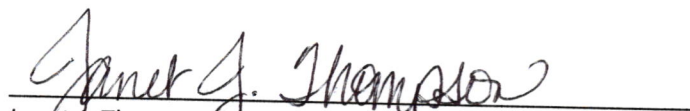
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers for in the amount of \$71,277.47. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Justin Weston, Mayor



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved May 5, 2025