

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 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 Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Street Supervisor Rod Ryther, Water Supervisor Scott Grogg and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DENNIS MARKER

Denny was present to thank the street crew employees for the tree trimming work they have done, specifically around his house.

MICHAEL FULGIUM-PIT BULL BAN

Michael was present that he would like the council to repeal the Pit Bull ban (2-209). He has a support dog that is a Pit Bull, and it is registered as a support dog, which he brought proof and needs to get it tagged with the city. After a short discussion, as long as people will follow the leash law, most don't have a problem repealing the ban. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to have the City Attorney draw the paperwork up to repeal 2-209. Motion carried unanimously.

SURVEY OF KALIDA (FROM PW)

James and Tricia Farmer were present to see what the city has planned after the survey. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to abandon the right of way between the two parcels of land. 12 ½ feet will go to each owner of the land. Duncan will write a letter to both property owners. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief 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 7:25 pm to reconvene at 7:40 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:40 pm.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to go back into executive session for another 20 minutes in the council room with the same parties. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:40 pm to reconvene at 8:00 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:00 pm.

COLA FOR EMPLOYEES

Since the last few years have been 5% increase, Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to give employees a 5% cost of living increase starting January 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CMB FOR G & W FOODS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to approve the CMB license for G & W Foods. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CMB FOR CASEY'S

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to approve the CMB license for Casey's. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CMB FOR PETE'S

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the CMB license for Pete's. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CMB FOR PIZZA HUT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard to approve the CMB license for Pizza Hut. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT FIXED ASSET RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adopt the Fixed Asset resolution for 2025. This will be #365. Motion carried unanimously.

SALES TAX TRANSFERS BEFORE Y/E

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to allow the City Clerk to make Sales Tax transfers before year-end if check is received from the County by year-end. Motion carried unanimously.

**SAFETY
NEW OFFICER**

A new full-time officer has been hired. He is Daniel Reynolds and is currently a jailor in Wilson County. He has also worked in security in Kansas City, Kansas. He will start in early January and go to academy in late February or early March. They are planning on him running Code (paid through Administrative) until he goes to academy. He also must stay at least one year or he will have to pay the city back.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Council would like pictures of the dogs that need adopted to be posted once a week. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin that animals be spay or neutered before they are adopted and drop the adoption fee. Motion carried unanimously.

ENCUMBERANCES FOR 2025

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to encumber \$6,000 from Special Law Capital Outlay for updating the shooting range. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to encumber \$6,000 from Fire Capital Outlay for various Firefighting Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to encumber \$8,000 from Fire Salaries to hire additional firefighters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to encumber \$15,000 from MYCI-Bunker Gear for the purchase of various Firefighting gear. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
INVOICE FROM WILSON RWD #9**

Grogg had called KDHE and was told that there were no problems with our water or Wilson RWD 9.

WATER RATE INCREASE

During the discussion on amount of increase to apply, it was mentioned that Humboldt was raising 40%. In order to receive grants, rates have to be in a certain criteria for the state. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to increase the water rates for Residential and Commercial by 4% effective with the January 1, 2025 bill. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to increase the sewer rates by 4% effective with the January 1, 2025 bill. Motion carried unanimously.

ENCUMBERANCES FOR 2025

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to encumber a total of \$12,750 from Special Highway Capital Outlay for a Dump Trailer and a Hot Box for asphalt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to encumber \$35,000 from Water Capital Outlay for 3 fire hydrants plus 6" valves that need replaced. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to encumber \$200,000 from Sewer Capital Outlay from Sewer Capital Outlay for 2 new sewer lift stations. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Ryther let Council know he was meeting with Gary Ward and a State official about applying for a grant for road repairs. They will show the official the roads they would like repaired. If there is anything to report at the next Council meeting, he will let them know.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE**

This will be tabled to the January 6, 2025 meeting.

ENCUMBERANCES FOR 2025

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Cathcard to encumber \$60,000 from Special Recreation Capital Outlay for City Lake repairs and improvements.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor wished everyone Happy Holidays.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

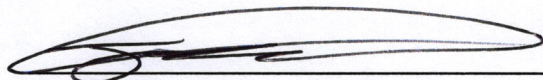
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$74,902.93. Motion carried unanimously.

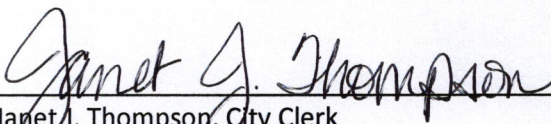
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 9:12 pm.



ATTEST:


Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved January 6, 2025