

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2024**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 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 and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Kee added Weekend Shelter feeding of animals under Safety and Invoice from Wilson RWD #9 under Public Works. 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 November 18, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
CHRISTMAS FOR EMPLOYEES**

The Mayor stated that the food trays the employees have received the last few years was appreciated but some of the food was not eaten. The mayor asked for suggestion. The City Clerk asked employees and they came up with working the 23rd and 24th of December (normally the 24th they have off), and then be given the 25th and 26th off and as a Christmas bonus, will be given the 27th as an extra paid holiday. The Police Chief was asked if his employees would like this as well. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to approve the employees working the 23rd and 24th of December and have the 25th and 26th off for holiday and the 27th as an extra paid holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

HELP IN OFFICE AT CITY HALL

Since moving animal control to the substation, there is a need for another person in the office. Last week the Deputy City Clerk was out with illness and the City Clerk had scheduled vacation on Wednesday, so the office door was locked. With year-end coming up quickly, they need immediate help. The clerk will get an ad ran in the local paper and post on facebook and the website.

**SAFETY
FEEDING ANIMALS AT SHELTER
ON WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS**

Atkin stated they need to get a person or two to take care of the animals during weekends and holidays. The Police Chief has taken care of them the last 2 weekends, but he's not going to have his employees go there in full uniform and feed dogs. Two employees have said they would feed and water the animals on weekends. Atkin will get with Nelson to work up a schedule and checklist.

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

The City Clerk was presented an invoice from Wilson RWD #9 for postage, labor, supplies and extra testing claiming the water we are providing them has too much chlorine by products from KDHE. They will talk with Grogg and contact Wilson RWD #9 to see what their numbers were.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
GRANT APPLICATION FOR
PICNIC TABLES**

The City received a notice from a vendor about a 50/50 grant that can be used to purchase picnic tables, benches and playground or landscaping mulch from recycled tires. There are a couple of memorial benches at the fire department from this vendor as well as a couple of picnic tables at the kid's pond. They are very sturdy and very heavy. Barney will research this.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor reminded everyone to get their numbers together for any encumbrances they are needing to make for year end.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

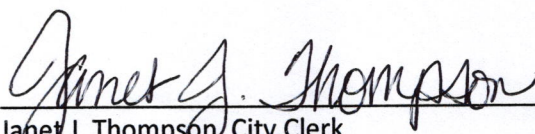
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$133,964.58. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved December 16, 2024