

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at City Hall. (The office was closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 for Holiday.) 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, Shaffer, Cavender, and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee added an Executive Session for Attorney/Client under Safety for 10 minutes. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NANCY KELLEY-150TH BIRTHDAY-YC

Nancy Kelley, Kathe Hamman and Susie Shaffer were present to update council on their efforts for the 150th birthday celebration of Yates Center during Memorial Day weekend. They would like to rededicate Delay Stadium on Friday evening, May 23 and also utilize the stadium for some events. They brought a tentative list of activities, hoping to add more. They also are trying to get a cookbook together and are asking for anyone that would like to submit recipes to please do so.

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to donate \$1,500 to the efforts of the 150th birthday celebration expenses and also the use of any city property free of charge. Motion carried unanimously.

CARA WALDEN-BUSINESS INCENTIVE

Cara Walden was present to let the council know she has purchased the former Antiques, Boutiques and Sweets. Kee had asked her to come in and introduce herself. She is keeping the Air B&B in the top level and will have a small event center in the bottom. There has already been a baby shower held there. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to give Cara Walden free water and sewer for both places for 1 year. She can also take advantage of the real estate tax abatement for 5 years for City taxes only. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADVERTISE FOR CODE MOWING

After a short discussion, motion was made by Barney, seconded by Kee to put out bids for code mowing to be returned by 5:00 pm, February 14, 2025 to be opened at the council meeting on February 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, and City Attorney 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 7:19 pm to reconvene at 7:29 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:29 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT AT POOL

The water line in the surge pit has a glued joint that is broken that needs to be fixed, by the water department, before the pool opens in May.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS

CHEMICAL STORAGE AT POOL

Ryther has not got in touch with Dan Edwards at the school to see if they would want to build a small lean to for the chlorine tablet storage. This is something that the chair could probably approve.

ADVERTISE FOR POOL PERSONNEL

After a short discussion, motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Kee to advertise for pool personnel and have applications back by February 28, 2025. Also note in the ad that returning guards will have an increase. Anyone 18 and under will once again swim free again this year. Motion carried unanimously.

POCKET PARK PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Ryther brought up that they will need to make sure that the restrooms will be ADA compliant and Cathcard asked about it possibly being an historic building. Also, the owner of the property should be contacted before any more discussion is done.

**ADVERTISE FOR CITY PROPERTY
MOWING**

Ryther gave his list of what the city crews could handle mowing this year. What was left would be Delay Stadium, the Airport, which must be kept 4" or less, and both reservoirs. Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Kee to put out bids for the city properties to be returned by 5:00 pm, February 14, 2025 to be opened at the council meeting on February 18, 2025. Motioned carried with Shaffer abstaining.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS
APPOINT LACY-MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

Weston would like to appoint William Lacy as the City Municipal Judge.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer to approve the appointment of William Lacy as the City Municipal Judge. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT DUNCAN-CITY ATTORNEY

Weston would like to appoint Brian Duncan as the City Attorney.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer to approve the appointment of Brian Duncan as the City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT GN BANK AND BANK
OF COMMERCE**

Weston would like to appoint GN Bank and Bank of Commerce as the City's official banks.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer to approve the appointment of GN Bank and Bank of Commerce as the City's official banks. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINT YC NEWS-OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER**

Weston would like to appoint YC News as the City's official newspaper.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to approve the appointment of YC News as the City's official newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT
OF COUNCIL**

Kee nominated Atkin and Shaffer nominated Barney. The Mayor asked for a show of hands for Atkin. Two raised their hands. The Mayor asked for a show of hands for Barney. Five raised their hands. Barney was named President of the Council.

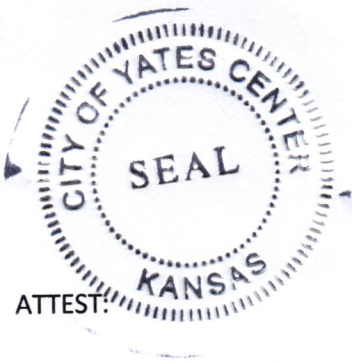
CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

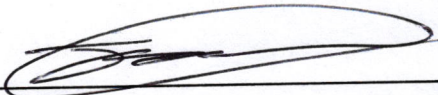
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers for 1-6-25 in the amount of \$135,610.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers for 1-6-25 in the amount of \$86,507.88. Motion carried unanimously.

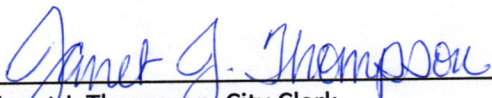
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:05 pm.





Justin Weston, Mayor



Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved February 3, 2025