

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at City Hall. (The office was closed on Monday, January 6, 2025 due to weather.) 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 Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Daniel Reynolds, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Kee added introduction of new police officer and Executive Session under Safety for 10 minutes. 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 Cavender, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing from Duncan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
REALITY U**

The City Clerk let Council know that Kayla Taylor had called and asked for a city volunteer to help with sessions to help high school students with life lessons. They will have a budget, earnings and then go to booths to pay bills. Thompson stated she really doesn't have time to go, but feels like she should make the time for the students. Council agreed and she was given the OK to volunteer.

**SAFETY  
EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk 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 7:05 pm to reconvene at 7:15 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:15 pm.

**NEW OFFICER**

Police Chief Michael Strode introduced new police officer Daniel Reynolds to the council. Everyone welcomed him and thanked him for being a part of Yates Center.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
GRANTS FOR ROAD REPAIRS**

An engineer is meeting with Gary Ward Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, to look closer at the roads that the county and city would like to have repaired. They will also look into the cost of paving the road to the new reservoir and the airport.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS  
FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE**

Duncan sent the clerk an email that he would like for her to forward to the council. He stated there must be a public notice in the paper at least 20 days prior to a hearing. The hearing can be held within a regular council meeting. They will have to appoint a "supervisor" to oversee for the flood insurance for building. This will be discussed again at the February 3 meeting.

**RECYCLED TIRE GRANT UPDATE**

Barney said this is a 50/50 match. She would like to get 4 benches, one each to be placed at the old reservoir, new reservoir, kids pond and the RV camp grounds.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to sign the agreement for the grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The mayor will be talking to members of the council about committees and ask them to think about nominations for president of the council.

**CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**


Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers for 12-23-24 in the amount of \$138,633.81. Motion carried unanimously.

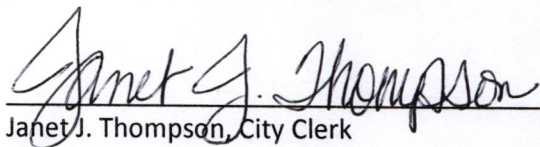
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to pay the claims and vouchers for 1-6-25 in the amount of \$86,507.88. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:35 pm.



  
Justin Weston, Mayor

  
Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved January 21, 2025