

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in a special meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025, at the City Fire Meeting room.

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Roll call as follows: Barney, Stewart, Atkin, Cathcard, Cavender, Shaffer and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Deputy City Clerk Kristen Cagle, Officer Clerk Elizabeth Mann, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

The three county commissioners, Clark, Stuber and Sedlacek, were present. Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Matt Godinez, was present to speak. There were also several employees of Yates Center Health and Rehab.

Mission Health owned the contents of the building and covers payroll and expenses of YC Health and Rehab. They are hoping to re-build, but they have not had a chance to discuss the future with Omega, the owner of the land and building. Discussion was held about the possibility of a different location as well as the wants and needs.

Some of the wants and needs included a gym for out-patient therapy and rehab, a safe room for severe weather, an Alzheimer unit, a dialysis unit and possibly ever an assisted living wing or separate building.

The staff of Yates Center Health & Rehab was commended for getting all 38 residents out in 12 minutes. They commended the first responders as well as residents for all of their help. They said it was a combined effort. They have gone to the sister buildings to visit the residents so they see a familiar face and some employees have even taken some shifts at the buildings.

Matt Godinez then spoke. He did like that the staff had stated there wants and needs and said they might want to reach out to larger corporations in the nursing home industry to see what machines or help they might be willing to share. Possibly, they would sell some machines for a lower-than-normal price to help out.

Carey Spoon spoke on grants available, although she has not heard back from some contacts yet. Many grants can be stacked, but the best one is a 25% matching grant of up to \$2,000,000. She also has a name she can give to reach out to, but she would still be involved.

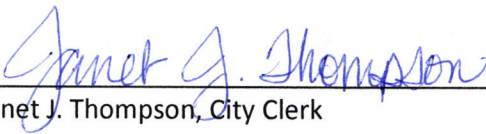
Jamie Matile with GN Bank was present to express that the bank would like to help with what they could.

It was announced by Atkin, who is also with the Woodson County Emergency Management, let everyone know there would be a press conference on Tuesday, March 18 in the Fire Station bays at 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

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