

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2025, 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, Shaffer, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee removed Approve Council size ordinance, added Lift Station Bid under Public Works and Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Safety. 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 Barney, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE FARMER

Mr. Farmer was present to ask why the stop signs were put up for a different bus route. He argued that it had been the same for decades and as far as he knew, no accidents had occurred. Chief Strode stepped into the room and explained that it was a school request and the congestion on Park and Main have gone away since the stop signs have been in place. The council thanked him for coming in.

DEBBIE ALMADA

Ms. Almada was present to ask about a tree in the right-of-way. She stated the roots are pulling up the sidewalk and drive way. She would like the city to cut it down. The only thing the city can do it trim 8 feet about the sidewalk and 16 feet above the street.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

YARD CLEAN UP OF CODE MOWING

Code mower will let City Hall know if there is a lot of debris in the yard and City Hall will have to give homeowner notice of debris in yard.

SAFETY

NUISANCE ALARMS ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to approve the Nuisance Alarms Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY PROBATION OFFICER

Chief Strode brought up having a probation officer on duty during municipal court so the court can prosecute misdemeanors other than traffic. After a short discussion, motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to have Julie Strode be present during court on the second Tuesday of the month, paid \$100 per month and receive the water/sewer incentive on a 6-month trial basis. This will be reviewed on the October 6th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ATV/UTV LAWS

Chief Strode let council know that no car seat manufacturer nor any ATV manufacturer allows car seats on ATVs. Duncan will research and discuss this at the April 7th meeting.

CHANGE PARKING STALLS WEST OF CITY HALL DRIVE

A short discussion took place and for the most part, the pros of leaving the 2-angle parking versus changing to 1 parallel parking out-weighed the cons.

ACARF CONTRACT

Council read through the contract to take dogs there to get adopted out through them or sent to another facility to get adopted out. The cost is \$95 per dog. If they are not spayed or neutered, they take care of that and make sure they are caught up on vaccinations. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee to have the mayor sign the one-year contract. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- ATTORNEY/CLIENT

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to enter into a 5-minute executive session, in the Clerk's office, 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 8:04 pm to reconvene at 8:09 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:09 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS EXECUTIVE SESSION- ATTORNEY/CLIENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Clerk's office, 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 8:16 pm to reconvene at 8:09 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:21 pm.

LIFT STATIONS

Grogg had a couple of quotes from vendors, but the best was from T&S Construction for \$55,000 each. He is also local, so if issues arose, he would be easily accessible. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to have T&S Construction install the new sewer lift stations. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
OPEN 204 E. WASHINGTON BIDS**

The bids were opened with the following amounts:

Mark & Lynn Hobbs - \$250.00
Steven Hensley - \$501.00
Jeff Craig - \$556.00
Kim Lacrone - \$1,500.00

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to give the bid to Kim Lacrone for \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FISH FOOD BIDS

The bids were opened with the following amounts:

LeRoy Coop – Sinking food – 21.85 per 50# bag = \$874/ton
Floating food – 18.23 per 50# bag = \$729/ton

SEK Coop – Sinking food - \$846/ton
Floating food - \$1,296/ton

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to accept the bid from SEK Coop for the 3T of sinking food for \$846/ton. Motion carried with Barney abstaining.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Shaffer to accept the bid from LeRoy Coop for the 4T of floating food for \$729/ton. Motion carried unanimously.

**QUOTE FOR POOL STORAGE
FOR CHEMICALS**

Ryther presented a quote for the material and stated that the High School "Cats Can Do" asks for 30% of materials as payment for labor. Motion made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to allow Ryther to purchase material and let the High School know the Council approved them to build it. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor would like to nominate Connie Schmidt to serve another 4 years on the Library Board. Motion made by Barney, seconded by Stewart to approve the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor would like to nominate Judy Smith to serve another 4 years on the Library Board. Motion made by Cavender, seconded by Stewart to approve the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor expressed a heartfelt thanks to residents and all agencies, local and out of town, involved in the safety measures and response that went into the March 14th fire that destroyed the Yates Center Health and Rehab. We were very lucky no serious injuries occurred and that it did not spread into town.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

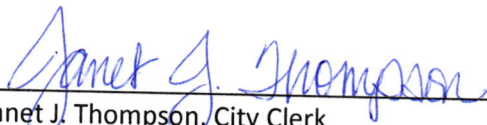
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers for in the amount of \$130,866.72. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:46 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved April 7, 2025