

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Shaffer was absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee added Water Superintendent under Public Works and Animal Control 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 February 24, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GARY MORRIS

Gary Morris was present to talk about placing an ad on a billboard in Eureka. This would be east bound, across from the lawn mower place on 54 highway. It would list things to do in Woodson County, not just Yates Center. Several thought it was the wrong place and needed closer to Yates Center and in Woodson County. Also, if other cities are listed, they should have to pay a portion as well. As of right now, the council would rather give that money to new businesses. If he were to find one closer to Yates Center, council encouraged him to come back.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing from Duncan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
SAFETY
NUISANCE ALARMS**

Atkin stated the wording for the ordinance has been sent to Brian and he has looked it over. He will have this ready to approve at the next meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The shelter needs to get some immediate corrections made. The first being the heating and cooling, which will first require new electric ran to the shelter. Duncan will send a complete list to the city clerk. The Mayor thanked all employees for any effort put into cleaning up the facility.

**PUBLIC WORKS
RFP PROPOSALS FOR HWY 75**

The city received 2 proposals for the highway 75 repair. BG Consultants and Wilson and Company. After a short discussion, motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Atkin to wave the bid process and accept Wilson & Company as the Engineers for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER LINE REPLACEMENTS

Stewart had talked to Michael Kramer last week and he strongly recommends that water and sewer lines that need replaced be done before any street repairs. She also noted that Grogg has talked to the state about grants to help out with costs.

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

After a short discussion, motion was made by Barney, seconded by Cathcard to have the annual clean-up from May 5-9. This will be a 1-time pass through and the same items as last year. City Clerk will look up last years items to get on facebook and place in the paper. Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER/SEWER EMPLOYEE
INCENTIVES**

The City Clerk wanted council to be aware that the incentives will be recorded on W-2s next year. If any employee wants to opt out, they will need to let the clerk know.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DOOR KNOCKING

Stewart let council know that the company JEO that has been helping with the Lead Service Line Inventory will be here on the 10th with 7 people to go door knocking to get more surveys completed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 10-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 8:00 pm to reconvene at 8:10 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:10 pm.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Scott Grogg turned his resignation into the Mayor today effective March 27, 2025. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded Cavender to have the City Clerk advertise for the Water/Waste Water Superintendent until the position is filled. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
FISH FOOD BIDS**

After a short discussion, motion made by Barney, seconded by Cavender to have the City Clerk solicit bids for sinking and floating fish food to be opened at the March 17th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Nothing from the Mayor.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

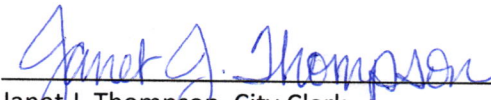
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers for in the amount of \$57,082.04. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:15 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved March 17, 2025