

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Cathcard and Shaffer were absent. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Police Officer Martin Shomaker, Jerry Shaffer, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee added Business Incentives under Administrative; Mowing under Parks and change the executive session under Public Works. 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 Atkin, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

ELIZABETH MANN 90 DAYS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to give a 50 cent raise to Elizabeth Mann for her 90-day probation period. Motion carried unanimously.

1900 COTTAGE BUSINESS INCENTIVE

After a short discussion, Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to give 1900 Cottage free water and sewer for a year and the tax abatement for City taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

SAFETY

LOUD NOISE ORDINANCE

Chief Strode had some verbiage from other cities to include structures just not vehicles. He will send to Duncan and discuss at a future meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

CAGLE & RYTHER PASSED CDL (A)

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Cavender to give Ryther his \$1.00/hour raise for passing the Class A CDL. Cagle received his after the last meeting with the dollar amounts were passed. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into a to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Clerk's Office, with the Council, Mayor, Ryther and Jerry Shaffer present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:13 pm to reconvene at 7:23 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:23 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into another 10-minute executive session, in the Clerk's Office, with the same present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:24 pm to reconvene at 7:34 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:34 pm.

WATER/WASTEWATER UPDATE

The Mayor has researched some grants to help with upgrades and repairs. Carey Spoon is also helping do some research.

CLEAN UP WEEK

Stewart noted that the Street crew lost an entire week of taking care of street work due to the clean up week. Because certain items have to be separated, they made several trips all over town. When it gets closer next year, it will be discussed how to make it easier for pick up.

PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS MOWING

There have been some complaints about the New Reservoir, the Airport, and the Pocket Park. This will be communicated to the appropriate people.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor reminded everyone that will be running this year needs to get to the County Clerk's office and register by May 31.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers for in the amount of \$98,202.66. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:43 pm.



ATTEST:


Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 2, 2025