

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 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 was absent and Shaffer arrived at 7:06. Other city officials present included: Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Brent Torrens, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

GEORGE HOLLER-MISSION HEALTH

Mr. Holler was not able to make the meeting.

DAVID MORRIS-SAFETY

Morris would like to have a way to make people slow down along Grove & Wilson. He suggested either speed limit signs or stop signs. He is still seeing kids driving golf carts or ATVs on city streets. He also counted several people not stopping at the 4-way stop at the intersections of 54 and 75. The police will do a study on the 4-way and Grove & Wilson.

**INTRODUCTION OF WATER/
WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Brent Torrens was introduced to the Council and Mayor. He was welcomed by all.

CITY ATTORNEY

Manbeck had no comments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
SIGNING CHARGE TICKETS**

The council would like to make sure all employees are signing charge tickets. Most of our businesses will put the department they are for and also will put the name of the person picking up parts or supplies.

VIP DETAIL-BUSINESS INCENTIVE

They would like a couple of loads of rock to place north of the shop. They will haul and spread and need roughly 20 tons. Motion made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow VIP Detail up to 3 loads of rock. City will pack it once spread. Motion carried unanimously.

ATKIN DISCLOSURE

Atkin presented his disclosure of businesses to the Mayor and council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to enter into a 15-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 7:19 pm to reconvene at 7:34 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:33 pm.

**SAFETY
GENESYS ALERT**

Atkin has research Genesys Alert. He stated a lot of counties around us are using this for emergency messages. It is \$3,500 per year and he is hoping the county will split the cost with the city. They are waiving the \$4,000 set up fee. This program does have an app but you don't have to have it to receive notifications. Clerk will check contract with Textcaster and will re-visit at the September 2 meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS
BROOM FOR SKID-STEER**

Ryther brought a quote from Skid-Pro for a broom to go on the skid-steer. This will be used for cleaning out large potholes so the asphalt will adhere better. Also, he has seen one used to clear snow, especially along sidewalks and drives. It is 84" wide including the wiring harness and a 2-year warranty. The cost is \$7,565.00.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to waive the bid process. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to allow Ryther to purchase the broom from Skid-Pro for no more than \$7,565.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Kee to enter into a 25-minute executive session, in the council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Water/Wastewater Superintendent and Street Superintendent 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 7:56 pm to reconvene at 8:21 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:21 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:22 pm to reconvene at 8:32 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:32 pm.

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Barney to enter into an additional 10-minute executive session, in the Council room, with the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 8:32 pm to reconvene at 8:42 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:40 pm.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
SOUTH OWL DAM REPAIRS
AND 50/50 GRANT RECEIVED**

The City Clerk let council know that the city has received a 50/50 grant for \$6,000 to help with the cost of rip rap. Need to get bids out for that and also to dig along the wing wall per the inspection of the dam.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor passed around 2 thank you notes from fair kids. There will be a community clean up at DeLay stadium on August 26 starting at 5:30 pm. This will be for the Sesquicentennial celebration coming up this coming weekend, August 29-31 and encouraged everyone to attend if possible.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

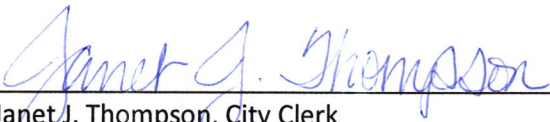
Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers of \$97,528.03. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cavender, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:51 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved September 2, 2025