

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 7, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 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, and Cavender with one vacant position. Shaffer was absent. Kee arrived at 7:04 pm. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Atkin removed an Executive Session-Attorney/Client and added an Executive Session-Non-Elected Personnel under Admin and removed Storage Containers and added Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Parks & Public Lands. Also moved Rob Istas from Safety to before meeting. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Barney to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ROB ISTAS – KDOT AWARD

Rob was present to present the Yates Center Police Department with the Gold Community Traffic Safety Award. He praised our very small department, especially when they are in the top 25% of the state for safety. These awards also translate into grants for the departments that are awarded.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
WATER BILL DELIVERY**

With the problems of residents receiving their water bills before the due date, which is always around the 15th, council decided to change the due date for at least this month to the 25th. Once the online pay is set up, this be set back to around the 15th.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
PLAN DISCUSSION**

Cathcard had a copy of lola's plan for a guideline. He would like to get a committee together and work on editing lola's plan. The Mayor said he would help and Atkin said he would type it up once they have what they want.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into to enter into a 5-minute executive session, in the Clerk’s Office, with the Council, Mayor, and City Attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:43 pm to reconvene at 7:48 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:47 pm.

PARK & PUBLIC LANDS EXECUTIVE SESSION- ATTORNEY/CLIENT

Motion was made by Barney, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 10-minute executive session, in the Clerk’s Office, 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 7:50 pm to reconvene at 8:00 pm. Meeting called back into order at 8:00 pm.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The Mayor reminded council that the budget workshop with the accountants is next Monday, July 14 at 6:00 pm.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers for 6/23 in the amount of \$122,619.15. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers for 7/7 in the amount of \$120,450.91. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:03 pm.




Justin Weston, Mayor


Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved July 21, 2025