

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2025**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 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, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Jerry Shaffer, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee added Safety Action Plan with Carey Spoon before committee report; Nursing Home update and Executive Session-Attorney/Client under Admin; Ordinance 1186 amendment under Safety. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting. Motion carried with Cathcard abstaining.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan had nothing.

CAREY SPOON

Carey was present to give some updates on grants, but especially for Safe Streets for all (SSA). Woodson County has input some feedback as well as our Chief of Police. Anyone that has something to add needs to be done by June 6. Most grant are done taking applications, so now would be a good time to start looking at grants for next year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
NURSING HOME UPDATE**

The sewer and water lines were discussed. Rod had a survey done for the camp ground at the Armory by a certified engineering company, so that may assist in the sewer placement for the nursing home. Representatives of Mission Health plan on being at the next meeting to present final drawings.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-
ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin 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 7:22 pm to reconvene at 7:32 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:32 pm.

**SAFETY
NEW OFFICER**

Chief Strode let council know that J.D. Hazelwood has been hired as a new full-time officer. He is from Fredonia and currently has a K-9. The committee is in talks about purchasing his car.

ORDINANCE 1186 AMENDMENT

This ordinance needs to be amended to include commercial burglar alarms. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to have Duncan make the amendment and present at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NON-
ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to enter into a 15-minute executive session, in the Clerk's Office, with the Council, Mayor, and the City Attorney present to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously and council entered into executive session at 7:39 pm to reconvene at 7:54 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:52 pm.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give Robert Adair an increase of \$2.77. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give Joe Jordan an increase of \$3.74. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give Amos Cagle an increase of \$3.66. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to give Rod Ryther an increase of \$4.15. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER/WASTEWATER UPDATE

Ft. Scott Community College has classes for water/wastewater. This would be an option if we hired a superintendent with no experience. Operator in Training (OIT) was brought up and Ryther said he would take it on for now.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
BREAKER BOX AT POOL**

Barney wanted to let the council know that a new breaker box at the pool has been ordered. The old one has been cleaned the best it can be. When the new box comes in, the pool will have to be shut down for a day to get it replaced.

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 \$70,402.09. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:08 pm.


Justin Weston, Mayor




Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved June 16, 2025