

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 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 and Kee with one vacant position. Shaffer and Cavender were absent. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Jacob Manbeck, Police Officer Martin Schomaker, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Brent Torrens, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

AGENDA APPROVED

Kee added Adopt a Child under Administration. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

DARYL KNOWLES

Daryl Knowles was present to explain his building due to the code letter he received about vehicles. He has had over 26 cars in the last 9 years that he has rebuilt either for himself or other people. He is getting ready to move a couple out of the shop and he will be able to get one or two inside. Council agreed since it is a business, to allow up to 5 vehicles outside.

CITY ATTORNEY

Manbeck had nothing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
ADMINISTRATIVE
FORMULA FUNDING**

With the Government shut down, a letter from Megan Clinesmith with the SEK Multi-County Health Department was sent to the county. This was presented to the commissioners and they voted that if the City would go in half with the County, then formula would be funded for all of Woodson County. Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Barney to fund formula with the County for \$3,221, or \$1,610.50 each. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE FOR SHIPPING
CONTAINERS**

Atkin read through the Ordinance that was drafted by Manbeck pertaining to shipping containers, which is number 1187. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to approve Ordinance #1187. Motion carried unanimously.

STAGES

Atkin has 10 stages that he would like to donate to the city. The city will accept them once a storage space is resolved. Most likely DeLay Stadium once a secure door is installed.

ADOPT-A-CHILD

After a short discussion, motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart for the City to adopt 4 children for Christmas through the Chamber. They also want the Chamber to know if they run short of adopters, please let City Hall know. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS
CULVERT PIPE**

Ryther had a quote to finish the ditch on South Green for \$13,610. This includes 140' of pipe, 4 clamps and freight. This amount can come out of Special Highway Reserve. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Cathcard to get the pipe ordered. Motion carried unanimously.

DUMP TRUCK TIRES

Ryther had quoted tires for the Dump Truck. The cheapest is from the Kansas Surplus where the Police have gotten tires before. He is also going to price tires for the Parks Truck. For the Dump Truck they are \$1,030 for 2, and the committee can approve that. The Parks Truck will be around \$800.

WATER LINES

Torrens has a State person coming to check flow next Tuesday. He's also priced fire hydrants at around \$3,500 each (for the Nursing Home) and we have some 6" pipe.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR

The tractor is leaking hydraulic oil and transmission fluid. Rod was asked to get some quotes to get it fixed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor wanted to make sure everyone gets out and votes.

CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to pay the claims and vouchers of \$91,635.15. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Barney to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:53 pm.



ATTEST:

Justin Weston, Mayor

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved November 17, 2025