

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

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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, Cavender and Kee with one vacant position. Shaffer was absent and Cathcard arrived at 7:19. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Jacob Manbeck, Police Chief Michael Strode, Assistant Police Chief Vinny Baker, Police Officer JD Hazelwood, Street Superintendent Rod Ryther, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Brent Torrens, and City Clerk Janet Thompson.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Kee removed Connie Collins and Discussion of 14-401 and 14-501 under Safety. He then added Light Hardware Premise change under Admin; Update on Water Plant under Public Works. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHELSIA HESKETT**

Ms. Heskett was not present

**PRAIRIE VILLA-DUMPSTERS**

Originally the future owner wanted 3 dumpsters, but council feel 2 would be enough. Stewart will need to get with the county to see what they will furnish.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Manbeck requested an executive session of 5 minutes. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to enter into a 5-minute executive session, in the Council Room, 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 7:13 pm to reconvene at 7:18 pm. Meeting called back into order at 7:18 pm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
RNR BUDGET HEARING**

Motion made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to open the RNR Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

After a few minutes, no one present had any comments. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Barney to close the RNR Budget Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Atkin to approve to final budget presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIGHT HARDWARE PREMISE CHANGE**

Atkin stated that Light Hardware has not used their catering license in the last 2 years and has since expired. Atkin would like to combine both The Lanes and Light Hardware into one license. Motion made by Kee, seconded by Stewart to allow The Lanes and Light Hardware to utilize the same liquor license. The council also gave the permission for the City Clerk to sign the application. Motion carried with Atkin abstaining.

**SAFETY  
GENESYS ALERT**

Motion was made Atkin, seconded by Kee to go with Genesys over Textcaster since the county has agreed to go in with the city and each pay half. Motion carried unanimously.

**STUDY ON COMPLAINTS OF TRAFFIC**

The Chief of Police had set viewing the intersection of 54 and 75 several different times after the complaint of most of the cars not stopping completely at the stop signs. He saw very few cars that did not come to a complete stop. He also spent some time down around the South school watching that traffic. Didn't note any vehicles speeding or not coming to a complete stop. He and his officers will continue to assess the situation with the traffic.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING REPAIRS**

The west side of the roof has some type of leak. Cathcard suggested we have an insurance inspector come and look at all the roofs of buildings the city owns. Motion was made by Atkin, seconded by Stewart that once the insurance adjuster has looked at the roofs, we start to get quotes.

**PUBLIC WORKS  
SEWER PLANT PARTS**

The auger needed at the sewer plant will run at least \$96,950.00. This is the cheapest that Ryther has found and does not include installation. This is also the same brand we currently have. He checked with Walters Morgan and the auger along with installation is \$225,000.00.

Council would like to Torrens to make a list for both the water plant and sewer plant of 1) Must Haves; 2) Need in Next Year; and 3) Would Like Eventually.

#### **DOOR ON WATER SHOP**

Superior Building quoted a new 12' insulated garage door for \$2099.78 plus \$125.00 shipping. Door jam trim for \$50.00 and J-trim for \$24.23. Total for door is \$2,299.01. Jason Shepard quoted \$2,800.00 labor to take door out, move post and install new door. Total price is \$5,099.01.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Atkin to allow the new door to be purchased and installed for no more than \$5,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **UPDATE ON WATER PLANT**

Torrens brought council an update: There are no backup parts for the chlorine room; Electrical problems, possible lightening strike (turn into insurance); Valve failure not closing and seating which this means that someone has to be there to operate manually.

Motion made by Atkin, seconded by Kee to approve up to \$9,000 for the backup parts and testing equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS DELAY STADIUM**

Barney would like to get a steel door on the South side underneath the stadium so items can be stored safely and can be broken into as easy as the door that's there now. Council agreed to let Barney get the door and get it installed.

#### **SWINGS**

There was some miscommunication with swings for the park. It is now straightened out and payment was approved.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor started off by acknowledging Kathe Hamman and Nancy Kelly and all others that made the Sesquicentennial a great success. Next he initiated a short discussion on camping at the New Reservoir. As of right now, code does not allow any camping there. Possibly in the future, the city may make a place for primitive camping.

#### **CLAIMS AND VOUCHERS**

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to pay the claims and vouchers of \$102,618.79. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Cavender to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:34 pm.



ATTEST:

Justin Weston, Mayor

Janet J. Thompson, City Clerk

Approved September 15, 2025