

City

(Continued from Page 1) without council oversite.

In a follow up from the last meeting, street supervisor Rodney Ryther presented two quotes for a new loader for the city. The first was for a Cat loader valued at \$185,300 and a second is for a John Deere for \$180,200.

Since that is roughly what is in the account for that equipment now, the council did not make a decision but did decide to pay off another piece of equipment early, roughly \$48,000, to save the city \$6,600 in interest. The council is going to revisit the loader once the new budget is in place.

The council and the city’s attorney, Jake Manbeck, are still working on a decision about whether or not to accept funding from KDOT for maintenance of highways 75 and 54 for Yates Center proper or turn the maintenance back to KDOT.

In another KDOT issue, the council voted to take ownership of four signs leading into Yates Center on its two highways in order for the signs to fall under the city’s permits.

The city is continuing to explore the source of a water leak under a wing wall of South Owl Lake. Some rock work was performed but the cause of the leak and the origin are still unknown.

The city accepted the lowest of five bids to replace electrical compo-

nents, motors, pumps, and all other necessary parts at the pump house. Letts, Van Kirk and Associates got the bid at a cost of \$46,000.

It was stated during the meeting that the city’s auditors are doing a lot of manual reconciliation during the current budget season and do not have final numbers yet. The extra time is putting the city up against the proverbial time line wall for securing much needed grants and loans for upcoming sewer and water plant repairs, but the council did set a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing for Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Discussion took place concerning providing outdoor city employees with something else to drink than water, such a fluid with electrolites, like Gatorade or other similar products.

It was recently discovered during a power outage at the water plant that the transfer switch that facilitates the turning on of the generator is not working. During the course of that investigation it was also discovered that all three electrical legs of the facility do not have surge protection. Bids to do the approximately \$10,000 in repairs will be sought.

Yates Center Elementary OPT was given the go ahead to use the swimming pool and park for their annual back to school bash Friday, Aug. 7. Adults and kids will be allowed into the swimming pool for free during the event.

The council then entered into an executive session for ten minutes for the acquisition of real estate.

During the mayor’s comments, mayor Justin Weston said a special meeting will take place Thursday, July 30 for a budget workshop. No formal decision will take place during the workshop.

During the meeting city hall employee Elizabeth Mann read a letter to the council outlining the duties of city staff to bring awareness of the many hats city hall employees wear. The NEWS did not print her comments but they are available upon request.

In the final act of the evening, the council approved \$147,101.50 in vouchers and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Yates Center City Council will be Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at city hall.



Courtesy Photo

THE YATES CENTER Police Law Enforcement Liaison, Yates Center Assistant Police Chief Vison Baker, Sgt. Martin Schomaker and Yates Center Police Chief Michael Strode. Pictured are (from left) Rob Iestas, of KDOT

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

RICHARD L. MENTZER and TAMMY S. MENTZER *Plaintiffs*, v. BEVERLEY A. MENTZER, KATHRYN D. MENTZER, JANET R. FILLMORE, BEVERLEY A. MENTZER as Trustee of the BEVERLEY A. MENTZER REVOCABLE TRUST, KANSAS-NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, and the unknown heirs, devisees, executors, administrators trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown, guardians conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, *Defendants*

Case No. WO-2026-CV-000008
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
NOTICE OF SUIT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO:

The unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased Defendants; the unknown spouses of any Defendants; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any Defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased and

all other persons who are or may be concerned or who may claim an interest:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Woodson County, Kansas by Plaintiffs Richard L. Mentzer and Tammy S. Mentzer praying for a judgment and decree quieting title in their names in and to the following described real property located in Woodson County, Kansas, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Fourteen (14) East of the Sixth P.M., LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Fourteen (14) East of the 6th P.M., Woodson County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4), thence East 483 feet to a point of beginning, thence North 318 feet, thence East 274 feet, thence South 318 feet, thence West to the point of beginning.

You are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the August 19, 2026, in the Woodson County District Court, 105 W. Rutledge, Yates Center, KS 66783. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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For Township Clerk Neosho Falls/Piqua:

No Candidates

For Township Clerk Perry:

No Candidates

For Township Clerk Toronto:

No Candidates

Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman Candidates

Yates Center Ward 1:

No candidate for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

Yates Center Ward 2:

No candidate for Committeeman

Tammy R. Porter 511 S. Main Yates Center, KS 66783-Republican

For Center Township:

Scott A. Windland 888 100th Rd Yates Center, KS 66783-Republican

Judith C. Laws 1158 Nighthawk Rd. Yates Center, KS 66783-Republican

For Liberty Township

No candidate for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

For North Township:

No Candidates for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

For Neosho Falls Township:

No candidate for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

For Neosho Falls/Piqua Township:

No candidate for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

For Perry Township:

No candidate for Committeeman

No candidate for Committeewoman

For Toronto Township:

Steve Adams 616 105 HWY. Toronto, KS 66777- Republican

Nancy Fife-Eagle 1322 Apache Rd. Toronto, KS 66777-Republican

Pursuant to the following, I hereby give notice that a primary election will be held on the 4th day of August, 2026, at which time candidates from the above list will be nominated by the various political parties of this state on their several ballots, and that said primary will be held at the following polling places to wit:

Liberty/Central/North Townships-4-H Community Building
Neosho Falls/Piqua/Perry Precincts-4-H Community Building
713 S Fry, Yates Center

Toronto Township-Toronto Community Building
200 S Broad, Toronto

Yates Center Ward 1 and Ward 2- Ambulance Building
114 N Main, Yates Center

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day August 4th, 2026.

Early voting will begin Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 in the Woodson County Clerk’s office, 105 W Rutledge St, Yates Center. Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:45 p.m. Early voting will close at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd, 2026.

The Election Officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Woodson County, Kansas, whose address is Woodson County Courthouse, 105 W Rutledge St, Yates Center, KS 66783

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15th day of June 2026.

Amanda A DeWitt
County Clerk and Election Officer
Woodson County, Kansas

