

**Ulysses City Council
REGULAR SESSION
February 22, 2006**

PRESENT:

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| Mayor: | Ed Wiltse |
| Council Members: | Thadd Kistler, Scott Malone, Ann Papay, John Duran, Rod Kreie, Pete Woods |
| Staff Present: | G. Vernon Newberry, Mary Smith, Alan Olson, Jeff Kreie, Ruben Flores, Dave Black, Todd Hampton, Pete Earles |
| Visitors: | Kellie Euliss, Scott Nichols, Bill Stewart, Todd Fry, Carlos Moral, Chuck Oldaker, Judith Creed, Ron Masson, Cindy Davis, Nathan Gift, Dennis Morava, Bob Dale |

Mayor Ed Wiltse called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: The motion was made by Council Member Woods to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2006 Regular Council Meeting, pay the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$224,844.89 as of February 22, 2006, and approve the Public Works report, seconded by Council Member Kreie. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Ron Masson with the HIGH Program thanked the council for their contribution last year and told them that they have applied for their 501 C3. He reported on different cases where they had been able to help by installing a furnace, replacing windows, etc. They have been looking into different grants. Cindy Davis told the council that the department of Kansas Housing Resources has a Homeowner Rehabilitation Program that is funded through the federal Home Investment Partnerships Program. It requires the city applying for the grant. The city would need to match with at least 25% which can be in kind services, (building permits, inspections, etc.), but it has a better chance of being approved if the city will contribute some cash. She told the council that HIGH would help administer the grant and do the paper work. Mayor Wiltse told her that the city would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

CMB License for “The Main Stop”: Council Member Kreie moved to approve the CMB License for the “Main Stop”, seconded by Council Member Woods. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot North of Grant County Furniture: tabled.

Memorial Weekend Street Dance: Scott Nichols told the council that he met with the City Administrator, Police Chief, and Public Works Superintendent at the proposed site. The Sports Page will only be serving food that night. No alcohol. They need the permission of the council to close off Main Street at the corner of Highway 160 and Santa Fe Ave. and Industrial Ave for half a block East of Main Street. Carlos Moral said they have contacted an insurance company for a ten million dollar policy with a rain policy included. Bob Dale told the council that they did consider other locations but they would like to try this at least once to see how it goes. Council Member Duran asked about parking. Bob Dale said they have talked about the people walking a couple of blocks and about a shuttle service. City Administrator Newberry told the council that the only expense for the city would be the extra police time. Chuck Oldaker with KDOT said there might need to be some signs put up on Highway 160. Council Member Duran moved to allow the

closing of the streets at Main and Highway 160, Main and Santa Fee, and on Industrial Ave. for half a block east of Main, seconded by Council Member Kreie. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Pigeons: City Administrator Newberry put the question on the city manager's web-site to see what other cities have done. One interesting response was a devise that looks like spikes that you put around the top of the building. It costs about \$220, but the pigeons would just go someplace else. Jeff Kreie said he has heard of a drug that the pigeons eat and it makes their eggs infertile. Mayor Wiltse directed the staff to investigate that possibility.

New Business

Bids for Inspection Department Pickup: Mayor Wiltse opened bids from:

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| Riley Ford | \$23,657.00 |
| Burtis Motors | \$24,329.00 |
| Riley Chevrolet | \$22,950.00 |

Council Member Kistler moved to accept the low bid from Riley Chevrolet for \$22,950.00 pending staff approval of the specs, seconded by Council Member Papay. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Bids for Frazier Park Shelter House: Mayor Wiltse opened bids from:

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| GBS Enterprises | \$28,174.71 |
| Malone Enterprises | \$28,650.00 |

Council Member Malone abstained from the discussion and the voting. Council Member Woods moved to accept the low bid from GBS Enterprises for \$28,174.71 pending staff approval of the specs, seconded by Council Member Kreie. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously with Council Member Malone abstaining.

Sewer Average: City Administrator Newberry reported that the sewer charge is based on the average water usage of December, January, and February. Because of the dry weather people have been watering a lot this winter. Newberry was directed to come back with suggestions for the next council meeting.

Park Board Appointments: Parks Superintendent Kreie told the council that there are two openings on the Park Board and two members of the Frazier Park Committee; Jeff Walker and Mike Henderson, have expressed an interest in filling those positions. Council Member Kreie moved to accept the appointments of Jeff Walker and Mike Henderson to the Park Board. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Parks/Golf Course Superintendent Jeff Kreie reported that they have been doing lots of tree trimming, and they have put locks on the lights at the ball field because someone kept turning them on and leaving them on. The entire greenhouse has finally arrived so they will be starting on that. The annual Golf Board Meeting is March the 5th starting at 6:30 p.m.

Building Official Todd Hampton reported that he will be going to a mitigation meeting tomorrow with Don Button in Garden City. He's still working on the County 911 mapping.

Police Chief Alan Olson told the council that his two officers who have been in the academy will be graduating on Friday. On March the 1st at 9 a.m. he will be at Pioneer Communications, speaking on "Safety For Home Visitors". Council Member Duran asked if he has thought about applying for a grant for lap top computers for the police cars so that the officers would be able to check vehicle ID's faster, etc. Alan told him that we don't have enough towers in this area. You would need one about every quarter mile.

Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores told the council that they will hopefully finish crack sealing the streets this week. Last Monday morning Pete Earles and he met with KDOT. A lot of calls were received this past weekend for frozen water and Duke

Energy's gas wells froze up Saturday, which affected our gas wells, then our gas wells froze up on Sunday.

City Engineer Pete Earles reported on the meeting that Ruben and he attended with KDOT. The first phase of the construction will be from Oklahoma Terrace south and the second phase will be north. They will need to do one side at a time when they do the second phase. KDOT should start putting up signs next week. It will take 3 to 4 weeks for phase one and then about 50 days for each side of phase two. KDOT plans to set up their lab on a corner of the city property. Chuck Oldaker with KDOT introduced himself to the council and told them that he will be the local contact for transportation issues. Mr Oldaker is going to check with Henry Hale about doing the railroad crossing at the same time as the above project.

Pete told the council that he has visited with KDOT about the drainage problem at Mead Lumber and they said if the city could show through hydraulic analysis that the pipes are too small that they will put in a larger pipe. KDOT will not pay for the hydraulic analysis. Council Member Malone asked how much the analysis would cost and Pete told him from \$500 to \$1,000. Council Member Malone asked if the city has any liability and Pete told him no. Pete told the council that he will write a letter to Mead Lumber suggesting that they work with Ampride about dropping the entrance.

City Engineer Pete Earles passed out a contract for the Michigan Street design, drainage, and easements. He will survey all of Carter Street plus others. He said it will take about 3 months to do. The engineering fee for the whole project would be \$75,300. Council Member Duran moved to approve the contract of \$75,300 with Earles Engineering, seconded by Council Member Kreie. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Mary Smith presented two bids that she had received for spraying the sewer ponds, city shops and the gas wells. Mayor Wiltse opened the bids from S&S Spraying for \$3,749.00 and from K&K Lawn Care for \$4,200.00. It was decided to let the staff decide.

She reported attending a Microsoft class with Bud Newberry on February the 15th and that the gas reports are finished for February. She told the council that the Junior Leadership group was here today but she would leave that reporting to Bud.

City Administrator Bud Newberry reported on the visit of the high school Junior Leadership class. They toured all the different locations: city hall, the shop, the wetlands, the golf course, and attended a demonstration of a traffic stop put on by the police department. They said they enjoyed it, but would like to do more hands on things next year.

Bud reported that he contacted the owners of the property that was discussed at the last meeting and let them know the city was not interested..

Bud reported that a guy in Oklahoma will chip out the trees after they are cut in Frazier Park for the chips, and the arrangements have been made to change out the compressors.

7:00 p.m. Council Member Kistler moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Duran. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ed Wiltse
Mayor

Mary Smith
City Clerk