

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 22, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: John Duran, Caleb Woods, Terry Mass  
Sam Guy, Ken Warner, and Mark Diaz

Staff Present: Sarah Britton, Natalie Anguiano, Sheila Maxfield,  
and Lynn Koehn

Visitors: Justin Hall, Kristy Frazee, Bob Dale, David Norton  
and Jeff Pfingsten

**Mayor** Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Tim McCauley.

Pastor Steve Swann led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Maas, Warner, Duran, and Woods, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**Visitors:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Blue Cross Renewal**

Blue Cross representative Aaron Trejo explained to the council that the 2023 renewal has increased by 16.61%

Effective Date: April 01, 2022

**Monthly Premium**

<b><u>Type of Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Health</u></b>	<b><u>Dental</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	
Employee	\$782.53	\$49.38	\$831.91	
Employee/Child	\$1571.94	\$98.38	\$1670.32	
Employee/Spouse	\$1681.25	\$106.16	\$1787.41	
Family	\$2470.68		\$155.17	\$2625.85

Effective Date April 01, 2023

**Monthly Premium**

<b><u>Type of Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Health</u></b>	<b><u>Dental</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	
Employee	\$912.47	\$48.08	\$960.55	
Employee/Child	\$1833.11	\$95.80	\$1928.91	
Employee/Spouse	\$1960.29	\$103.37	\$2063.66	
Family	\$2880.92	\$151.08	\$3032.00	

Mayor McCauley stated that he believes that the city should stay in the Grandfather clause for the employees.

City Treasurer stated with the health and dental benefits combined the increase will be 13%

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the Grandfather Blue Cross renewal of 13% increase for 2023/2024. Council Members Maas, Warner, Guy, and Woods, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**Economic Development Bylaws Presentation**

City Appointee David Norton stated that the Economic Development has updated their bylaws to read the City will have one appointee to the board, county will have one appointee, and the Economic Development Board will appoint the other five members. Norton stated that the changes took effect on February 16, 2023.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale stated that the city at this time has two members on the board, so the city needs to decide which member is going to stay on the board.

Motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve Dave Norton as the city appointee to the Economic Development Board. Council Members Maas, Warner, Guy, and Woods, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Clerk Britton stated that the council received an invitation Ulysses Masonic Lodge #435 100 year celebration on March 4, 2023 for lunch at Shelton Memorial Church. Britton also stated there will be a stakeholders meeting on February 15, 2023 in the Cooper-Clark meeting room at the Grant

County Library at 1:00pm. Amy Haase of RDG Planning and Design out Omaha of Nebraska will be here conducting a housing survey for our community.

Britton also stated that she will be meeting with Blue Cross tomorrow for next year's renewal. Britton also stated that Blue Cross will be bringing a check in the amount \$30,000.00 for the completion of the requirements in the Neighborhood & Physical Environment Pathways to a Healthy Kansas Implementation Grant. Blue Cross understands that the funds will be used to build the Community Garden at the Barb Dye Park.

City Attorney Koehn stated that Pete Woods attorney did appear in court on January 23, 2023, and we are in the process of getting this resolved.

Police Chief Vagher stated that they are busy learning the new Interpol system.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Diaz stated that he had the opportunity to ride with Police Chief Vagher, and got to see firsthand what the police go through when dealing animal at large. Diaz also stated that he rode with City Inspector Natalie Anguiano, and got to see what situations she is dealing with. Diaz stated that Natalie is doing a great job.

Council Member Duran stated that the City Street Crew is doing a great job on crack sealing, and we need some moisture.

Mayor McCauley thanked everyone for coming to Ruben's retirement party, and that Ruben was very thankful for the celebration. McCauley stated the street crew is busy crack sealing, and the water department is painting the water well buildings and getting them cleaned up.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member Maas to adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Mayor Tim McCauley

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Council Member Mark Diaz

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Terry Maas Council Member

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Council Member Kenneth Warner

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Council Member Sam Guy

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Council Member John Duran

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Council Member Caleb Woods

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City Clerk Sarah Britton

