

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 8, 2023**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

Staff Present: Sarah Britton, Amanda Mason, Ron Vagher
and Lynn Koehn

Visitors: Sarah Loewen, Nichole Winner, Deb Fort, Denise Wood,
Carrie Sheets, Leilani Sullivan, Kim McGaughey,
Gabriella Walters, Starla Burnum, Douglas Burnum,
Ethan Burnum, Janet Watson, Martin Hernandez, Keric Sullivan
Lydia Salmans, Beth Mathes, Cardyn Carone, Josh Talbert,
Josefina Talbert, Marissa Hernandez, Melissa Hernandez,
Leslie Hill, Thelma Bortz, Larry Bortz, Rose Blomander,
Rebecca Heinrichs, Rodney Gregg, Veronica Cole Spencer,
Morgan Garza, and Julia Traster Rowe

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

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

Council Member Mark Diaz led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Maas, Warner, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

LEAPS

City Clerk Britton stated that the council should have received information from the League of Kansas Municipalities regarding the Ulysses City Administrator Search. Britton also stated that the League prepared these materials from information provided by the City and internet research. The Council can request edits for any information or photos that may not be correct or anything the council might want changed.

- **Position Description**

City Clerk Britton stated that the City Administrator position description can be edited, or no changes needed. This position description will be sent to each applicant in their confirmation packet.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the position description. Council Members Duran, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

- **Advertisement**

City Clerk Britton stated that the advertisement will be placed in the locations approved by the Council.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the advertisement. Council Members Diaz, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

- **Community Profile**

City Clerk Britton stated that the community profile will be linked to the advertisement in postings where it is possible and will be included in each applicant's confirmation packet.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the community profile. Council Members Diaz, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

- **Social Media Ads**

City Clerk Britton stated these ads will be shared throughout the month on the Leagues social media, and the final ads will be provided to the city to be shared on their social media.

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the social media ads. Council Members Warner, Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

- **Recommended Advertising Locations**

City Clerk Britton stated the League recommended locations for posting the approved advertisement.

Local Government Job Net	\$39.00
Kansas Municipal Utilities	\$50.00
League of Kansas Municipalities	\$130.00
Kansas Association of City/County Management	\$100.00
Indeed.com	\$0.00

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve the recommended advertising locations. Council Members Guy, Duran, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Phase II to Extended Existing US 160 Project Addendum #2

Mayor McCauley stated that at the last meeting it was approved not to go forth with the US 160 Project, due to unknown construction costs. McCauley explained that he and the City Clerk met with the Department of Transportation and was given more information regarding this project.

Mayor McCauley stated that the City is in an agreement with the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the city of Ulysses.

Computation of City Connecting Link Mileage Payment to City

Total Lane Miles	7.720
Total Lane Miles maintained by secretary of Transportation pursuant to City Connecting Link Maintenance Agreement	0.000
Total Lane Miles maintained by Secretary of Transportation pursuant to Special Maintenance Agreement for City Connecting Link	0.00
Total Lane Miles maintained by City	7.720

Total Lane Miles	7.720
at \$5,000.00 per Traffic Lane Mile =	\$38,600.00
Total Annual Payment	\$38,600.00

Mayor McCauley stated after talking to KDOT he believes the city should proceed with the US 160 project, because eventually the city will be responsible for replacing the highway.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to resend the motion for not approving addendum #2 to add phase II to extend existing US 160 project. Council Members Guy, Duran, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Fee Proposal
Based on the scope of professional services described above, the overall Lump Sum project will be:

• Design & Survey	\$115,000.00
TOTAL ADDENDUM 2 FEE	\$115,000.00

Revised Upper Limit Contract

• Original Engineering Contract	\$91,413.00
• Addendum #1	\$19,187.00
• Addendum #2	\$115,000.00
REVISED UPPER LIMIT	\$224,600.00

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve Addendum #2 adding Phase II to extend existing US 160 project east through Stubbs Road. Council Members Guy, Duran, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

NEW BUSINESS

Property Insurance
Insurance Agent Gregg Newel stated that the cities renewal increased by 11%. Gregg also stated that the city received a rebate check for \$16,741.00 last year, and expects the city to receive another rebate check.

Invoice Amount for 2023/2024	\$150,497.00
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Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve property insurance renewal for \$150,497.00. Council Members Maas, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

145 Year Grant County Anniversary
Sarah Loewen with Ulysses News asked the council if the city would like to purchase an ad for the 145 year Grant County Anniversary. The Ulysses News will be printing a special anniversary tab this year on March 23. All ads will appear on our website for 30 days as an added value.

Motion by Council Member Mass, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the 145th Grant County Anniversary ad in the amount of \$264.00. Council Members Duran, Guy, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

FurEver Friends
Furever friends president Leilani Sullivan spoke to the council regarding their concerns about the Pitbull Band, and how it needs to be lifted.

Each Council Member spoke how they felt regarding the Pitbull band.

Motion by Council Member Mass, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve Ordinance 1319 the repeal of the Pitbull band. Council Members Duran, Guy, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Police Body Cam Contract

Police Chief Vagher stated that the Body Cam Contract ends in September of this year, and is needing to be renewed.

Program Length	60 Months	Average Savings Per Year	\$1,710.55
Total Cost	\$63,782.47	Total savings	\$8,552.73

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve Police Body Cam Contract for \$63,782.47 over a 5 year period. Council Members Duran, Diaz, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Police Vehicle Purchase

Police Chief Vagher stated that he would like to purchase the police vehicle through Davis Moore out of Wichita, so the city can receive a governmental discount. Vagher stated the vehicle that he would like to purchase is a 2023 Dodge Durango in the amount of \$38,826.00. Vagher also stated that he did check with JR Auto out of Garden City, and the price of a 2022 Dodge Durango is approximately \$40,000.00.

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve the purchase of a 2023 dodge Durango for \$38, 826.00. Council Members Duran, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

General Obligation Bond

City Clerk Britton stated that she spoke with Mary Carson with Triplett, Woolf, Garretson, about bonding the underground waterline along U.S. Highway 160, and installing a water tower control system . Britton stated that Mary sent her 3 different debt schedules this morning, but she did not have time to review them, so she asked if we could review them at the next meeting.

Excavator Quote

Mayor McCauley stated this is a quote for a excavator from White Star Machinery out of Garden City Kansas, and if the city decides to purchase this excavator it will be an annual trade in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Description	
E35 33HP R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator	
Total of Items Quoted	\$57,269.96
Dealer P.D.I.	\$200.00
Freight Charges	\$1,375.00
Machine Total	\$58,844.96
Trade in John Deere 310 Backhoe	\$24,000.00
Quote Total	\$34,844.96
Annual Trade Out	\$9,000.00

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve the purchase of a excavator in the amount of \$34,844.96. Council Members Duran, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Koehn apologized for being a little late, and that Pete Woods has supposedly deeded this property to an individual, so he is not for sure where things will go from her, but Pete still has court on March 13, 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Guy stated that once he found out about the viscous dog ordinance he was fine with lifting the Pitbull band.

Council Member Duran stated that he is also glad that the city has an viscous dog ordinance to help cover other situations that might happen with lifting the Pittbull band.

Council Member Maas thanked everyone for coming tonight, and ForEver friends always pack the house. Maas also stated that the excavator is a well needed purchase.

Council Member Diaz stated that the city placed the planters on Main Street today, and they look very nice.

Council Member Warner stated that it was a good meeting tonight, and there was some good discussion.

Mayor McCauley stated that the city crew helped the Parks Department set the planters on Main street today, McCauley also stated that he has been looking for fence for the Community Garden.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Mark Diaz

Terry Maas Council Member

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

Absent
Council Member Caleb Woods

City Clerk Sarah Britton