

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 13, 2023**

PRESENT:

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| Mayor: | Tim McCauley |
| Council Members Present: | John Duran, Terry Maas, Sam Guy, Mark Diaz, and Caleb Woods |
| Staff Present: | Sarah Britton, and Lynn Koehn |
| Visitors: | Joyce Briggs, Kim Darrough-Hayden, Bene Garcia, Teresa Montoya, Meaghen Noriega, Daniel Orosco, and, Patricia Chavez |

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Leo Orosco Memorial

Citizen Daniel Orosco stated that Leo Orosco Memorial Motorcycle ride will be on September 23, 2023. Registration starting at 10:30a.m. and kick stands up at 12:00p.m.

Daniel is requesting that at noon the intersection at Oklahoma and Stubbs be blocked until all the motorcycles have crossed the highway.

The council was in agreement to let the highway be blocked until the motorcycles crossed.

Dog Park/Back to Nature Park

Kim Darrough-Hayden with the Impact Ulysses Coalition presented two different sized Dog Parks, and a Back 2 Nature Park to be located at Barb Dye Park.

| Dog Park: | Budget Amount |
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| 96' X 160' with three sides | \$45,000.00 |
| 160'X160' with three sides | \$45,000.00 |

Back 2 Nature Park

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| Back 2 Nature Park | \$10,000.00 |
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The following budgets are based on current planning for the PATHWAYS to a Healthy Community Grant.

There was discussion between the council and Kim Darrough-Hayden of pros and cons for the Dog Park, and Back 2 Nature Park.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Woods to approve the Dog Park and Back 2 Nature Park, PATHWAYS to a Healthy Community Grant in the amount of \$55,000.00. Those voting nay Diaz, Duran Guy. Motion not carried.

KPERS 457/Roth

City Clerk Britton stated that starting January 1, 2024 that KAPERS 457 plan will have a Roth option for the employees. The State of Kansas is asking the cities to decided if they would like to offer this to their employees. It will be at no cost to the city, only an extra benefit for the employee.

Motion by Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the KAPERS 457 Roth. Council Members Woods, Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

CMB License Bentwood Golf Course

City Clerk Britton stated employee Rocksann Sifuentes is no longer working at the Club House, and her name is on the CMB License. Britton stated that we are needing to remove her name from the license and add Club House Manager Randy McCauley.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to add Club House Manager Randy McCauley to the CMB License. Council Members Woods, Guy, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

City Administrator Update

Mayor McCauley stated that the City Council has offered the City Administrator position pending contract.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton reminded the council of the Home Products Dinner on September 19, 2023, with the dignitary reception starting at 6:00p.m. Britton also stated that the Fall Clean Up will start on September 25th through 29th, with the limbs first, and then starting October 2nd through 6th, the rest will be picked up.

City Attorney Koehn stated that he has given the Baughman Foundation the easement paperwork, and know just waiting to get it back.

Mayor McCauley stated that he and the Police Chief met with former Grant County Emergency Management Coordinator Don Button, and Don is needing a letter of recommendation to join the Kansas State Incident Response Program.

McCauley stated that this will be good, because Don will be able to continue his work advising and educating the City of Ulysses and Grant County.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:46p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Mark Diaz

Council Member Terry Maas

Absent
Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Caleb Woods

City Clerk Sarah Britton