

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 8, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: Tim McCauley, Sam Guy, Ken Warner
Larry Velasquez, Jerry Jo Deckert, and John Duran

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Pete Earles

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Jeff Pfingston, Gary Boldt, Jon Becker,
and Matt Schonlau

Mayor John Battin called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor John Battin.

Pastor Jon Becker led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to have City Engineer Pete Earles give the council an update on the building across the street and a new water filter. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Matt Schanlau with Rotary asked the council why they decided not to put the water meter in for the new trees that are going to be planted on the walking trail.

Mayor Battin stated one of the reasons the city does not want to put the water meter in is because it is on private property, and it would also set a precedent for other organizations that would want a water meter for free and free water.

Mayor Battin stated at this time the city has decided not to put in a water meter.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation National Health Center Week 2018

Now, therefore, I, John Battin, Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 12-18, as National Health Center Week. I encourage all Americans to take part in this week by visiting their local Health Center and celebrating the important partnership between America's Health Centers and the communities they serve.

Ordinance 1273 Refuse Collection Charges

Interim City Administrator Olson stated during the budget the city discussed raising the refuse collection charge by 1% which was approved at that time. Olson explained the increase for a residential customer per month is about 20 cents. This ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve ordinance 1273. Council Members Velasquez, McCauley, Duran, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Engineer Pete Earles

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that he looked at the building next door 114 W Grant, and the structural part of the building does not seem to have any problems. Pete explained some of the issues that might need to be fixed.

- Floor joists will have to be replaced in the front of the building, and a new floor.
- Ceiling tiles need to be replaced.
- The basement itself has no problems, might need to take the water heater out and put in electric on demand. The staircase going downstairs is steep and a beam going across that is head level. Pete recommends redoing the staircase for easier access.
- The concrete in front of the building is ruined but could be replaced.

City Engineer Pete Earles believes that overall the building is good shape.

City Engineer Pete Earles explained to the council that one of the ways to resolve the algae problem for the pump that waters the golf course and the cemetery is to purchase a DAF unit. DAF is a water treatment process that clarifies wastewaters by the removal of suspended matter such as oil or solids. Then the solids like algae can be put on a drying bed, and then spread out on a farm, or on your own land. Pete also explained any other filter that you use gets plugged up, and the city has tried a few different filters.

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that a DAF unit that processes 1,200 gallons of water a minute is approximately \$350,000.00 just for the unit. Pete stated the solution to the algae is a DAF unit.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that she is needing to know by the next meeting who will be attending the League Conference in Topeka on October 6-8.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated you can go on the Kansas Health and Environment website and see how the algae testing is going from the Frazier Lake. The State tests the water once a week and posts the result on their website. Olson also stated that the police are trying out some new body cameras, because he would like to update the ones the city has.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he met with the representative from Purple Wave today and signed up 16 pieces of equipment to be sold, and the auction should start in about 30 days.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that the town looks nice.

Council Member Duran stated that the streets look nice the street department did a great job replacing them.

Mayor Battin stated that on August 17, 24, and 31 he would like the council members to attend an activity for Kepley Middle School at Russ Binney Park at 3:00p.m., and on August 28, at 11:30 the post office is welcoming the new post master.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam Guy

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton