

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 10, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Dave Black

Visitors: Lara Tusten, and Missi Martinez

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

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

Council Member John Duran led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Mayor Battin read the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation, and proclaimed April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Terry Maas Fireworks

Terry Maas was not able to make it to the meeting.

Federal Fund Exchange

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the Kansas Department of Transportation is making federal funds in the amount of \$70,132.25 for the federal fiscal year 2019. The exchange rate for the 2019 program is \$0.90 of state funds for every \$1.00 of local federal obligation authority exchanged.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Deckert to accept the Federal Funds in the amount of \$70,132.25. Council Members Duran, Velasquez, Guy, and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Grant County Community Foundation Quarterly Report

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city's Substance Abuse Treatment Fund started the year with \$24,930.43 and ending the first quarter with \$27,415.21. The Ulysses Animal Shelter started the year with \$13,394.10 and ending the first quarter with \$14,696.34. The Ulysses Animal Shelter Demand Fund started the year \$8,081.58 and ending the quarter with \$8,251.93.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that Terry Maas was to be here tonight to talk about Fireworks for the 4th of July, but was unable to make it. Olson explained Terry Maas would like to do the fireworks at Frazier Park this year, and along with the fireworks other activities could be going on throughout the day. Olson asked the council how they felt about this event if we did some more research.

Mayor Battin stated at this time we are not going to approve this event, but believes the council should give Olson permission to do some research. The council gave Olson permission to do research.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he has been working with a gentlemen form Earls Engineering on the potential upgrading of city hall, and should have some information by the end of April.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Guy asked if the city will be filling in pot holes anytime soon? Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the street department has been trying to fill those in when they see them, but if you know where one is just let the city know.

Council Member Deckert stated that the Grant County Community Foundation has received a alcohol and substance abuse Grant from the State of Kansas, and they may ask the city for some of the money that is in the Substance Abuse Treatment Fund. Deckert also stated that she went to the Membership Barbeque at the Golf Course on April 5th, and visited with the golfers.

Council Member Duran stated that street department is doing a good job sealing the streets. Duran asked Interim City Administrator if the city would be able to put a handicap parking spot on the south side of the movie theatre. Olson stated that he would look into it.

Council Member Warner thanked the ladies that worked on the table decorations for the Chamber Dinner.

Council Member Velasquez asked if the city paints the parking lot spaces on main street? Interim City Administrator Olson stated yes, but the machine has been broke down and as soon as it is fixed they will be working on main street.

Mayor Battin stated that he had a good time at the Chamber Dinner, and thanked the girls for doing the work on the table decorations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 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