

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
November 13, 2019**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: John Battin

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

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

Visitors: Olga Martinez, Matt Schonlau, and Pete Woods

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

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

Pastor Kelly Gindlesberger led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Visitors:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Condemnation 300 S Joyce**

City Administrator Olson stated the owner, Pete Woods is here to speak in regards to the condemnation at his property at 300 S Joyce. Pete explained to the council that his plan is to bring in a new house shortly after the first of the year.

Mayor Battin explained to Pete that the problem at hand is that his property is a public hazard, because anybody could fall in the basement.

Council Member Warner asked Pete what can you do to make this property safe immediately until you are able to put in a new home.

Home owner Pete Woods stated that he could put up a fence around the property, and put plywood to cover the holes in the floor of the house.

Mayor Battin stated that there needs to be a six foot fence around the property, and cover the holes in the floor to make it safe.

City Attorney Dave Black stated the city will have to publish the findings from tonight's hearing in the paper, and Pete will have until November 6, 2019 to have it completed.

Council Member Deckert asked Pete Woods what his plan is for the green house. Pete stated that he plans on covering it with plastic.

Council Member Warner stated that the city will deal with the green house if the house project is not completed in a timely manner.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert stating that the property at 300 S Joyce is unlivable at this time, and the owner needs to make the property safe by putting up a 6 foot fence and covering all the holes in the floor. This must be completed by November 6, 2019 at 5:00p.m. or the city will take action, and make the property safe. Council Members Velasquez, Duran, McCauley and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

**Ordinance 1285 Rezoning the 11.3 Acres Connected to 1407 E Oklahoma**

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to approve Ordinance 1285. Council Members Duran, Deckert, McCauley and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Attorney Dave Black stated the city will be holding Municipal Court at the Court house starting October 28, 2019 until the remodel at City Hall is completed.

City Clerk Britton asked the council which dates would work best for the council meetings in November and December. The council changed the meetings from November 27, 2019 to November 25, 2019, and December 25, 2019 to December 19, 2019. Britton also stated that the City & County Appreciation Dinner will be on December 6, 2019 starting at 6:30.

City Administrator Olson stated when the water department was cleaning out the sewers they came across a collapsed sewer line in the 500 block south court. Olson also stated that he had a representative from the AA building contact him about needing a new roof at the AA building, and at this point they do not have the funds to replace it. Olson stated that he contacted the county to see if they would be willing to split the cost of the roof, because both courts send defendants to the AA meetings.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Deckert stated that Grant County Gives will be November 3, 2019 through November 8, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Mayor John Battin

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Absent  
Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

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Council Member Tim McCauley

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Council Member Kenneth Warner

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Council Member Larry Velasquez

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Council Member John Duran

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Council Member Sam Guy

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City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton