

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 25, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, and Dave Black

Visitors: Olga Martinez, Matt Schonlau, Tammy Reese, Irene Velasquez
Kellie Euliss, Charles Field, Ken Keusler, Judy Keusler
Pete Woods, D. Younger Kim Darrough-Hayden, Shayla Jaquez,
Frank Hernandez, Angie Heinrichs, Bob Dale, Ginger Antony,

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Tammy Reese owner of Reese's Enterprises Inc spoke to the council about her concerns for the businesses of Ulysses if the council raises the legal limit of tobacco use to 21 years of age.

Judy Keusler with the Grant County Prevention Coalition stated this is a group of individuals that are trying to address underage drinking, drugs, and tobacco in Grant County. Judy stated that the Coalition is here to support the council in passing the ordinances regulating the sale of tobacco products.

Citizen Charles Field spoke his concerns against the rezoning of the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma Ave.

Citizen Kellie Euliss also spoke her concerns against the rezoning of the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma Ave.

Citizen Pete Woods also spoke his concerns against the rezoning.

Citizen Ginger Anthony also spoke her concerns against the rezoning.

Citizen Matt Schonlau spoke for the rezoning of the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma Ave

Council Member Warner stated that after some research the city needs to uphold the recommendation from the planning commission to rezone the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma to C-3 (Highway Commercial).

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the rezone of the 11.3 acres connected to 1407 E Oklahoma to C-3 (Highway Commercial). Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1283 an Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Tobacco Products.

Council Member Deckert stated that kids are going to get tobacco if they want to no matter what the age limit is, but at the same time if some kid is on the fence this may keep some kids from using tobacco.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve ordinance 1283. Council Members Warner, Velasquez, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1284 an Ordinance Regulating the Possession of Tobacco Products

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to approve ordinance 1284. Council Members Warner, McCauley, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

Attorney Dave Black stated that city court will be moved to the court house while city hall is being remodeled.

City Administrator Olson asked the council for permission to liquidate some of the old furniture in City Hall once the remodel is complete.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Guy stated that if the Mixer Center business follows the C-3 requirements they have every right to be there.

Council Member Deckert agreed with Council Member Sam Guy regarding the rezone issue.

Council Member McCauley thanked Council Member Warner for doing his research on the rezoning issue. McCauley also stated to citizen Tammy Reese we are elected to make the decisions for the city.

Council Member Warner thanked the planning commission for doing their research, and is sorry for putting the issue back in their lap until will could see what the issues were.

Council Member Duran thanked the public for their thoughts, because they are entitled to an opinion, and lets move forward.

Mayor Battin stated that we will try to look over the rezone property to the best of our ability.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 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

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton