

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 26, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: Ken Warner, John Duran,
Jerry Jo Deckert, and Tim McCauley

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

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Matt Schonlau, and Cindy Warner

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 Duran to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Warner, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none.

Visitors:

Citizen Cindy Warner asked the council for permission to have a block party in the 800 block of Wichita Drive on July 13, 2019 6:30 to 11:30pm. Mayor Battin stated for Cindy to get with City Administrator Olson to work out the details.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion about the Intersection at Nebraska and Missouri

City Administrator Olson stated that at the last meeting the city had a discussion regarding the intersection of Nebraska and Missouri, and after the meeting Olson had a city employee do a traffic count at this intersection. The employee went 15 different times at different times of the day. Olson explained that after looking at the traffic count there are 7 cars that go up and down Missouri for every one car that uses Nebraska, and for every one car that comes west and wants to turn south there are 31 other vehicles that use Missouri Street.

City Administrator Olson stated with that said he appreciates the concern for the intersection, but he does not believe that making 31 cars stop at a stop sign on Missouri for one turning south off of Nebraska Street.

Council Member Duran stated that during the summer months the traffic is slower than when school is in session. City Administrator Olson stated the city could do another study when school is in session.

Mayor Battin stated that there are no obstructions at this intersection except a truck that is parked in his private drive way, and there is nothing that the city can do about that, but maybe the city could drop the speed through the intersection to 20 miles an hour to slow the traffic down.

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that the truth is that this intersection has been there a long time, and it is a poorly laid out intersection. Earles explained that the only thing that we can stress is to use caution when pulling out onto Missouri, and that a four way stop is not a good idea it will make it worse.

City Administrator Olson asked if there is any support for dropping the speed to 20 miles an hour. There was not a consensus to drop the speed to 20 miles an hour. Olson suggested that the city do another study once school is in session, and then discuss it again.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2018 Audit

Rachel Thooft with Dirks, Anthony & Duncan, LLC presented the 2018 audit results.

Rachel stated that the city needs to revisit the credit card policy, and update how some of the procedures are conducted. Rachel also stated that the city is in a good position at this time. The city has one year of reserves.

We have audited the summary statement of receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash of the City of Ulysses for the year ended December 31, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 22, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City of Ulysses are described in Note 1 to the financial statement. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018. We noted no transactions entered into by the City of Ulysses during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statement taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial

statement or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 7, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City of Ulysses's financial statement or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statement, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the 2018 audit report. Council Members Duran, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none.

See Attached 2018 Audit Report

Review Building Remodel

City Administrator Olson stated that the city has a copy of the drawing of the city hall remodel. City Engineer Pete Earles and City Administrator Olson went over the drawings with the council.

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that he sent this to a contractor to get a ball park idea on the cost of construction, and he came back with a figure of \$136,000.00 for the city hall remodel. City Administrator Olson stated there may be some other charges over and above this estimate.

City Administrator Olson asked the council for permission to move forward with bids for the City Hall remodel, and to have Pete Earles help with taking this project out for bids.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the city remodel plans. Council Members Duran and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that he has been working on putting up some LED informational signs on the end of Main Street, and has created a LED sign agreement to give to other entities. Olson explained that he wanted the council to be aware in case these entities had any questions.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert asked if the stop lights have been lengthened. City Administrator Olson stated that they have not at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Absent
Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Absent
Council Member Sam

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton