

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 12, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: Ken Warner, Jerry Jo Deckert, John Duran,
Caleb Woods, Terry Maas, and Sam Guy

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

Visitors: Jantz Becker, Beckey Zerr, Monica Walker, Teri Christian,
Judy Keusler, and Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez

Mayor Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Tim McCauley.

Pastor Jay Mykytiuk 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 Warner, Guy, Woods, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

Teri Christian with Women of Purpose spoke to the council about the needs assessment that there organization did this last year. Teri stated that the top concern from this needs assessment was loose dogs when women and children were on walks. Teri asked the council if they could address this issue, and thanked them for their time. Teri also stated that the Women of Purpose would like to give a donation to the animal shelter.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

National Prevention Month Proclamation

Judy Keusler with Impact Ulysses introduced her board members and, handed out to the council the Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey. Judy explained that this is a survey that the 6, 8, 10 and 12 graders took to show the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use within the youth of our community.

Mayor Tim McCauley proclaimed May as National Prevention Month in Ulysses, and encourages all residents to participate in active living and healthy eating, and educate themselves through opportunities, training and seminars offered in their community and Kansas.

Annual Community Mexican Independence Festival

Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez with the Mexican Independence Festival Committee asked the council if they could have the 2nd Annual Community Mexican Independence Festival on September 11, 2021 from 3pm-11pm on Main Street.

We are requesting the following specifically:

- Closure of Main Street from the 200 block of N. Main to the 200 block S. Main
- Trash cans near food/beer areas
- Use of the Gazebo area-if needed
- Use of Main Street electricity-if needed

The Council was in agreement with the Mexican Independence Festival.

Ordinance 1294 Rezone 2697 W Rd 10

Richard Banes City Inspector stated that the property owner at 2697 W Rd 10 would like to rezone his property from Industrial I-1 to R-S Residential Suburban.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve ordinance 1294. Council Members Duran, Guy, Woods, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

Ordinance 1295 Authorizing the City to Make Water System Improvements

City Administrator Olson stated this ordinance gives the city authorization to make water system improvements and authorization to issue general obligation bonds to pay costs thereof.

City Administrator Olson explained to the council that the city could use the funds out of the Capital Improvement line item to fund this project until the bond is approved, and then use the bond to repay the Capital Improvement line item. Olson stated this would help move this project along, because there are residents in need of water.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve ordinance 1295. Council Members Duran, Guy, Woods, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

Quarterly Report

City Administrator Olson stated that the beginning balance starting 1/1/21 was \$7,882,023.96 and the ending balance on 3/31/21 is \$8,689,406.76.

8,286,806.76 Bank Statement Balance 3/31/21
200,000.00 CD Western State Bank
200,000.00 CD Bank of Ulysses
2,600.00 City Clerk's Cash

8,689,406.76

Indebtedness
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan 20,282.16
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan 1,598,983.57

Total Indebtedness 1,619,265.73

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the WEE Carnival on June 3rd-June 5th. Olson also stated that the city will be receiving a rebate check from EMC insurance for approximately \$16,000.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated if the American Legion would be interested she would like the city to put up a sign at Oklahoma and Main stating which direction it is to the memorial park.

Council Member Woods thanked the city crew for their hard work during the Spring clean up.

Council Member Guy asked how many animals each resident is allowed to have. City Administrator Olson stated each resident is allowed to have a combination of four animals.

Mayor McCauley thanked the city shop crew for their hard work during the spring clean up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Deckert to adjourn the meeting at 5:43p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Terry Maas Council Member

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Caleb Woods

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton