

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
January 27, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

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

Visitors: Jantz Becker , and Pastor John Becker

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

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

Pastor John Becker 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, Woods, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

**Visitors:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Grant County Clerk Sheila Brown/Project Acknowledgement**

Grant County Clerk Sheila Brown explained that the county has been selected to receive state grant funds as a part of the Kansas Airport Improvement Project, but somehow the City of Ulysses was attached to this grant as co-owner of the airport. Sheila stated she is needing the city to sign the project acknowledgement which states that the city is not co-owner of the airport, and that the county should receive all grant funds.

Council was in agreement to sign the project acknowledgement.

**Resolution 2021-3 GAPP Waiver**

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Woods to approve Resolution 2021-3 GAPP Waiver. Council Members Warner, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

**Quarterly Report**

City Administrator Olson stated that the beginning balance for period ending December 31, 2020 is \$8,084,635.03 and the ending balance is \$7,882,023.96

7,479,423.96 Bank Statement Balance 9/30/20  
200,000.00 CD Western State Bank  
200,000.00 CD Bank of Ulysses  
2,600.00 City Clerk's Cash

Indebtedness	
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan	26,772.46
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan	1,644,022.34
Total Indebtedness	1,670,794.80

City Administrator Olson also stated that the city projected to bring in \$1,350,000.00 in sales tax for 2020, and received \$1,698,774.18.

**Blue Cross Renewal**

City Administrator Olson stated that Blue Cross presented to the city the renewal rates.

These rates are if the city decides to stay Grandfathered:

	Current	Renewal
Monthly Total	\$66,120.91	\$68,918.95
Annual Total	\$793,450.92	\$827,027.40

City Administrator Olson explained the increase for 2021-2022 is 4.23%, and with a dental increase of 12.37% with a annual dental increase of \$5,570.52. City Administrator Olson stated that the city has budgeted for a 15% increase.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the Grandfathered Blue Cross renewal . Council Members Woods, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

**Executive Session**

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Guy to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), the open meeting to resume in the council chamber at 5:36p.m. . Council Members Woods, Duran, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Mayor McCauley called the meeting back to order.

Mayor McCauley stated that he accepted the resignation of Police Chief Alan Olson that will be effective February 1, 2021. Alan Olson's position will be full time City Administration, and Ron Vaughner will become interim Police Chief.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve Ron Vaughner as Interim Police Chief effective February 1, 2021 . Council Members Woods, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve Police Chief Alan Olson resignation with regret. Council Members Woods, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Mayor McCauley thanked Police Chief Alan Olson for his service.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Administrator Olson stated that he attended a meeting today regarding water rights in hope with the ability to move some water rights around, so what we have is more usable. Olson also stated that he gave the council some information about the sales tax information that the Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce brought in front of the County Commissioners.

City Administrator stated that he is working on getting a special election date for the city sales tax.

**COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

Council Member Woods thanked the city crew for the snow removal, and thanked Police Chief Alan Olson for his service.

Council Member Duran thanked Police Chief Alan Olson for his service.

Council Member Deckert thanked Police Chief Alan Olson for his service.

Council Member Warner thanked Alan Olson for doing dual jobs for awhile which helped the city a lot. Warner stated that he attended the County Commission meeting with City Administrator Olson regarding the sales tax request from the Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce. Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce are requesting a percentage of sales tax so both the County and City would not have to fund them. They would receive funds from the sales tax.

Mayor McCauley thanked Alan Olson for 35 years with the Police Department, and for his great leadership. McCauley also explained to the council that he has got the city in contact with Nick Reuss to help with the grounding of the electricity lines at the water wells, so maybe we will not have as many problems.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 6:01p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

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Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

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City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton