

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
March 23, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: Ken Warner, Sam Guy, Caleb Woods  
Mark Diaz, John Duran and Terry Maas

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Nathan Engleman, and Gregg Newel

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

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

Pastor Nathan Engleman led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Visitors:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Property Insurance Renewal**

Gregg Newel with Grant County Insurance explained the increase insurance rates for 2022. Gregg stated that the city will have a 4% increase for 2022.

City Administrator Olson stated that the insurance bill is \$126,054.00, and the city has budgeted \$127,650.00.

Motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve the insurance policy renewal for \$126,054.00. Council Members Warner, Guy, Diaz, and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**Inspection Contract**

City Administrator Olson stated the City Engineer Pete Earles has an inspector on his staff, and that he could be available to the city when needed. Olson explained that this would be for as needed only basis.

Fee Proposal:

Hourly with an upper limit of \$10,000.00

Note: Plan reviews and inspections will be billed at an hourly rate of \$75.00/hour. If at any time during the year EEI reaches 80% of the agreed upon estimated amount, the City of Ulysses will be notified and any necessary adjustments will be made.

The city will be billed on a monthly basis, based on work completed to date.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the inspection contract between the City of Ulysses and Earles Engineering. Council Members Duran, Guy, Warner and Woods, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Administrator Olson stated that the water department has been working on the water line project, and the south side of the highway is pressured up and ready to go. Olson also stated that he received an email today stating that the 160 highway project bid letting has been moved from May to June.

City Administrator Olson stated that he has been working on some ideas to spruce up Main Street, and as soon as it is ready we will show you what we have been working on, this will include the street lights.

City Administrator Olson stated that Pete Woods has requested an appeal hearing for his property on 300 S Joyce, and that hearing has been set for April 13, 2022.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Diaz asked what process the council has to take to take Natalie Anguiano out of the Interim City Inspector position, and make her the City Inspector.

City Administrator stated that the City Inspector is not an appointed position, so it does not come before the council.

Council Member Maas stated that Interim City Inspector Natalie Anguiano is doing a great job.

Council Member Woods stated that a few of us council members attended the legislative coffee this last weekend, and Dr Clifford spoke about grant money to help build housing. Caleb asked if the city has a future plan for the city, or is that something that we need to be working on.

City Administrator Olson stated that the State of Kansas is going to pass to move 50 million dollars to the Kansas Housing Corporation, so they can issue grants for medium income housing. Olson also stated that he spoke with Economic Development Director Bob Dale, and he is lining someone up to talk about the processes of getting a housing grant.

Council Member Guy asked City Administrator Olson if the city inspector inspects anything outside the city limits.

City Administrator Olson stated not at this point.

Council Member Duran stated the city needs some rain so things can start greening up.

Council Member Warner stated that he appreciates Interim City Inspector Natalie Anguiano pictures and the follow up with the pictures.

Mayor McCauley stated that he believes that Interim City Inspector Natalie Anguiano is doing a great job, and also thanked her for sending the pictures. McCauley also stated that everything is getting ready to get busy at the Golf Course, and parks department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to adjourn the meeting at 5:34p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Mayor Tim McCauley

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Council Member Mark Diaz

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Terry Maas Council Member

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Council Member Kenneth Warner

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Council Member Caleb Woods

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City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton