

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 11, 2022**

PRESENT:

Council President: Ken Warner

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

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Catherine Moyer, Bob Dale,
Kristy Frazee, and Josh Freeman

Council President Ken Warner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council President Ken Warner.

Council Member Mark Diaz led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Guy, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Woods, Maas, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Pete Earles Highway Project Updates

Program Category: Geometric Improvement (GI)

Program Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Location: Improve US-160 Stubbs Street Intersection (County Road K)-Extension of Existing US-160 Project.

Project Scope: Geometric improvements to widen roadway/shoulder, full-depth pavement replacement, and pavement marking. Additionally, include recommendations from Traffic Investigation Report of US-160 & Stubbs Rd Intersection. This includes re-installing the stop bar on NB & SB approaches, relocating Stop Ahead sign on NB approach to 225 ft from radius, updating existing SB Stop Ahead sign, Converting bypass lanes to Right Turn Lanes, increasing size of stop signs on NB & SB approaches.

Project Length: 0.210

Local Share Percentage: 10%

KDOT Share Percentage: 90%

Total Local Share **\$103,560.00**
Total Requested from KDOT: **\$932,040.00**

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the improvements on US-160 Stubbs Street Intersection (County Road K)-Extension of Existing US-160 Project for the amount of \$103,560.00. Council Members Woods, Guy, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Project Name: Kepley Middle School Pedestrian Crossing Hwy 25

Location: 113 N Colorado

Proposed Scope of Work: Kepley Middle School is located along Hwy 25 (Colorado Street) in Ulysses. The school has locations on both sides of the Highway. They are connected via two existing crosswalks located between Kansas Avenue and Grant Avenue. This generates a great deal of pedestrian traffic crossing Hwy 25, as a result of students moving from building to building during the school day. The highway has a crossing distance of 55'.

The frequent use of pedestrian crossing as well as the highway volume of vehicular traffic using Hwy 25 creates a need for a safer crosswalk. The proposed project will construct a bulb-out crossing, thus reducing pedestrian exposure to vehicular traffic. Additionally, a HAWK Signal will be utilized to alert vehicular traffic to pedestrian traffic.

The major safety concern is for pedestrian traffic mainly children crossing a busy Highway. Safety measure such as the proposed project will create a safer pathway for pedestrians.

Total Cost Estimate \$280,456.02

Local Share/Match- **(20%) \$56,091.20**
TA Funds Requested- **(80%) \$224,364.82**

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Woods to approve Kepley Middle School Pedestrian Crossing Hwy 25 in the amount of \$56,091.20. Council Members Guy, Maas, and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Pete Woods 300 S Joyce

Council President Warner stated that this property is in the process of being sold, so we are tabling this until more information is available.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development 2023 Budget Request

Economic Development Board Member Kristy Frazee went over the Profit & Loss Budget for January through December 2021, and stated that Economic Development is requesting \$50,000.00 for 2023.

Council President Warner thanked Economic Development for coming, and the City will take this into consideration for the 2023 budget.

STAFF COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Diaz thanked Economic Development for coming a presenting.

Council Member Mass also thanked Economic Development for coming.

Council Member Duran thanked Economic Development for coming, and also thanked them for keeping the communication open.

Council President Warner thanked Economic Development for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Guy to adjourn the meeting at 5:55p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

_____ Absent _____
Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Mark Diaz

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