

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 13, 2022**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Natalie Anguiano

Visitors: Justin Hall, Sarah Loewen, Pete Woods, and Gary Boldt

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

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

Council Member John Duran led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Sarah Loewen with Ulysses News asked the council if they would like to put an ad in the Experience Grant County Magazine. Sarah stated that the City of Ulysses purchased a half page ad last year, and asked if they would like to do the same this year. The council was in agreement to purchase the ad.

OLD BUSINESS

Pete Woods 300 S Joyce

Property owner Pete Woods asked the council for more time to get his property in compliance. Pete stated that he could have a six foot chain link fence put up by August 1st, and building plans to build a house on the property. Pete also stated that his plan is to build a home, and sell the property.

Council discussed the issues with this property, and the concerns that they have for the safety of the public.

City Administrator Olson stated that there appears to be two issues with this property. The first one being the condition of the property, and making it safe, and the second one is will there be a building permit issued at some point. Olson stated that the first issue is the most urgent to deal with in his opinion, which is the weeds and the safety of the property.

Olson stated that a time needs to be given when the first issue will be completed, and if not completed what is the city going to do to make it safe.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas First: that at the property at 300 S Joyce there needs to be a safe fence constructed, and the weeds brought into compliance by August 1, 2022, and if not completed on the morning of August 2, 2022 the city will make the property safe by the expense of the property owner. Second: That by August 15, 2022 the property owner will need to have a signed building contract, by the owner and constructor. In the contract a starting and ending date will need to be defined. The owner and contractor need to be present at the special meeting on August 15, 2022 at 5:00p.m. If not completed on August 16, 2022 the city will proceed with the condemnation process at the property owners expense. Council Members Diaz, Woods, Guy, and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Energy Fuel Cost Mitigation Fund

City Administrator Olson stated this is a fund that would be used for unknown energy and fuel costs. Olson explained that this fund would help budget for unexpected costs, and if the funds are not needed it would be able to be used for something else.

Fuel Cost Mitigation Fund

Subject: Creation of Energy Fuel Volatility Mitigation Fund

Action: Move 5% of the proceeds of city sales tax to a fund to be primarily used to mitigate long and short term energy and fuel price fluctuation.

Explanation: Volatile markets in energy and fuel prices have made it difficult for departments to realistically budget for rate hikes. This fund would help ensure energy fuel costs are covered with less potential negative impact on city budgets.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson reminded the council about the Special Meeting on July 14, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Diaz stated that the County Fair is next week, and we just need to remind the city officers of the extra traffic on Patterson.

Council Member Duran stated that he is glad that the city is moving forward on Pete Woods property.

Council Member Guy stated that the benches and flowers next to City Hall look nice.

Council Member Woods thanked everyone that was involved with the 4th of July Holiday, and all the work they did.

Council Member Warner stated that Pete woods property is a safety issue, and it only takes one accident before the city is in trouble.

Mayor McCauley stated part time worker Isaiah Gregory has been a great help this summer. McCauley also stated that city and parks are looking good, and the city crews are working hard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 5:56p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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