

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 11, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: Ken Warner, John Duran, Sam Guy,
and Terry Maas

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Mark Diaz, Marty Long, Kasey Krueger
Catherine Moyer, and Shawn Ridder

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 Warner to add to the consent agenda the Special Meeting minutes from July 13, 2021. Council Members Maas, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

Citizen Mike Arnold asked the council for permission to reserve the gazebo on Main street on August 17, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Mike stated the purpose of the gathering is for Forest Saxon to give information on Covid-19.

Consensus from the council to let them reserve the gazebo on August 17, 2021.

Pastor Tim Bertrand from the Nazarene church stated that the church will be having an event on August 21, 2021, from 2:00 to 7:00, and asked if they could close College Street in front of the church for the event

Consensus from the council to let them close College Street in front of the church on August 21, 2021

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Budget Hearing

Mayor McCauley called the budget hearing to order.

State Representative Marty Long stated that a few meetings ago there was discussion that the council would meet with the city representatives from Economic Development. Marty asked the council if this happened. Mayor McCauley stated that they have not met with the representatives yet, and will meet with them after the budget.

Council Member Warner stated that he spoke with a few individuals, and also spoke with the Director of Economic Development Bob Dale requesting to set up a meeting.

Chief Executive Officer of Pioneer Communications Catherine Moyer stated that in the budget the city cut the Economic Development Budget from \$50,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and moved the extra \$25,000.00 to Capital Outlay. Catherine asked the city what they are going to do with the extra \$25,000.00.

City Treasure Sheila Maxfield stated that the \$25,000.00 will go into the reserve fund.

Catherine Moyer stated that the \$25,000.00 could be moved back to the Economic Development budget if needed.

Mayor McCauley stated that the city is going to pass the budget with the \$25,000.00 going to Economic Development, but if the City and Economic Development can get some issues resolved and there comes a point where Economic Development needs the money then we might be able to help them.

Economic Development President Kasey Krueger stated that he is still at a loss on what needs to be figured out.

Council Member Maas stated this is why the city would like to meet with the city representatives so we can discuss the issues.

State Representative Marty Long asked the Council if the intent to cut the Economic Development Budget was because of money restraints or because you do not know what is going on with Economic Development.

Mayor McCauley stated a little bit of both.

Council Member Warner stated that this is an issue that has been developing over the last 18 months and is not a new issue. The Council and Economic Development need to get together to discuss some issues, and also educate the public.

Council Member Maas asked can this issue be revisited again.

Mayor McCauley stated yes the council can revisit this issue.

Mayor McCauley closed the budget hearing.

City Administrator Olson stated that the 2022 budget as presented is for \$14,159,987.00, and not to exceed the revenue neutral rate.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Maas to accept the 2022 budget \$14,159,987.00. Council Members Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none.

Quarterly Report

City Administrator Olson stated that the beginning balance for April 1, 2021 was \$8,689,406.76 and the ending balance for June 30, 2021 is \$9,148,128.83.

8,745,528.83 Bank Statement Balance 6/30/21

200,000.00 CD Western State Bank		
200,000.00 CD Bank of Ulysses		
2,600.00 City Clerk's Cash		
9,148,128.83		
Indebtedness		
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan	13,658.49	
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan	1,553,465.13	
Subtotals	1,567,123.62	
Total Indebtedness		1,567,123.62

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that the Police Department has partnered with the Kansas Department of Transportation to participate in a program labeled you drink you drive you lose from August 20, 2021 through September 6, 2021. Olson also stated that the Parks Department will be removing some damaged trees on Main street, and also some damaged trees at Frazier Park, and putting in some new trees.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Maas gave his condolence to the Rob Berry family, and his thoughts and prayers to Caleb Woods, and his family.

Council Member Guy stated his frustrations that he has with Ulysses News and there headlines not accurately representing the council meetings.

Council Member Duran also gave his thoughts and prayers to Caleb Woods, and his family, and commentated on the dog issues.

Council Member Warner stated that the city should set up to meet quarterly with Economic Development, so it is on the city's agenda, and a informal meeting with the city's representatives.

Mayor McCauley thanked everyone for showing up tonight, and we will get things lined out for future meetings with Economic Development. McCauley also gave his thoughts and prayers to Caleb Woods, and Rob Berry family.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to adjourn the meeting at 5:54p.m. Motion carried, 4yeas. Nays, none.

_____	_____Absent_____
Mayor Tim McCauley	Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert
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Terry Maas Council Member	Council Member Kenneth Warner
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Council Member Sam Guy	Council Member John Duran

____Absent____
Council Member Caleb Woods

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton