

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 12, 2020**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

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

Visitors: Jantz Becker, Keric Sullivan, and Bob Dale

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Woods to approve the consent agenda for the special meeting August 5, 2020. Council Members Duran, Seger, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

Citizen Keric Sullivan voiced his concerns regarding the trees that were cut down at Frazier Park. He did not believe that they needed to be cut down, and asked if the council was in agreement with this.

Mayor McCauley stated that these trees were damaged a few years ago in a snow storm and needed to be taken care of, and that the council was in agreement with this. The parks department will be planting new trees in the same place.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale spoke to the council regarding the Sparks/Cares Act money that Grant County received. The County received 1,448,815,000.00 from the State of Kansas as part of the Corona Virus relief fund.

CARES Eligible Purposes

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and

3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Bob explained that this program has two phases the first one being reimbursement and the second one direct aid. The reimbursement phase is any covid-19 expenses that accrued between March 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020, and direct aid is any covid-19 expenses that you might need from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Bob stated that on August 13, 2020 at the County Court House there will be a public meeting regarding these expenditures.

Bob stated that the City of Ulysses requested \$8,935.00 in reimbursements, and \$31,085.00 in direct aid which both were approved. The city is also requesting \$4,500.00 for an employee rapid testing program.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Engineer Pete Earles Federal-Aid Safety Program

Pete Earles City Engineer stated that this project will be a US 160 rehabilitation from Missouri St East to between Cheyenne and Stubbs Rd. The project is an asphalt millings with a 5-inch concrete overlay. In addition, it is planned to widen shoulders and extend and widen turn lanes to improve safety and accessibility.

Purpose and need/ US 160 west of this project to US 25 was milled and had 5-inch concrete inlay with curb and gutter and was completed several years ago. This will enhance the remaining portion of 160 through Ulysses. The needed turn lanes and widen shoulders will allow for the improved safety through this section as it is a rural section with ditches on both sides of the pavement.

Project Benefits/ The improved surface will greatly reduce future maintenance and the widened turn lanes and shoulders will enhance safety.

Pete explained that this is a 90/10 program, but the State has capped there amount at 1,000,000.00. The first step for this project is to sign and send in the 302 form which states that the city is accepting the states million dollars, and that the city will pay the additional funding at \$300,000.00.
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Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the project programming request from the State and to hire Earles Engineering for this project. Council Members Woods, Seger, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

City Inspector Richard Banes

Richard Banes City Inspector explained to the council the process of taking care of weeds within the city limits. The weeds must be over 12 inches before citizens will receive a letter.

- Take a photo of property in violation
- Obtain ownership info from Appraiser's Office
- Certified violation letter mailed to owner, regular rate violation letter mailed to renter (if applicable) or hand deliver to owner/renter
- Property owners have 5 days to comply after receiving violation notice
- If mail is returned or property in non-compliant after 5 days, owners are either sent to Municipal Court or property is mowed by a licensed mowing contractor for the city
- Mowing: Contractors that are licensed with the City are given violation address & 24 hours to bid on the mowing job. There are currently 2 licensed mowers for the city.

Golf Cart Lease

City Administrator stated that the city needs to agree on and sign the YAMAHA municipal master lease agreement. The lease term for the equipment shall commence on August 15, 2020 and shall

consist of 60 months from the first day of the month following said date. Rental payments on the equipment shall be in the following amounts, payable on the following schedule:
10 semi-annual payments in the amount of \$4,620.00 starting January 2021 and ending July 2025.

This schedule covers the following property ("Equipment"):
12-DR2A AFI Golf Cars

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the YAMAHA municipal master lease agreement. Council Members Woods, Seger, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that the city received \$115,871.00 for the Federal Fund Exchange.

City Administrator Olson stated that the items that the city requested for the Sparks/Cares act funds were face masks, hand sanitizer, and other cleaning supplies that we might need, and also some I-pads in case the city would have to go to zoom meetings only. Olson explained the reason that he would like to have the rapid tests available is that the city has essential employees including water, sanitation, and police, and being able to minimize contact with other employees will be helpful in certain situations. Olson stated that he will have an agreement between the city and Genesis Family Health, and also get some clarification on how the Health Department will accept the tests.

City Administrator Olson stated that the golf course is working on rounding up materials to start the rebuild green number 6.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she went down Main street on a Saturday a few weeks ago and there were no cars, but when she went down Main street today it made her feel a little better because there were more cars.

Mayor McCauley thanked City Clerk Britton, and City Administrator Olson for their work on getting the information for the SPARKS funding. McCauley also thanked City Inspector Richard Banes for his work, but there could be some improvement on the weeds process.

Home Products Dinner will be September 15, 2020, and the city will purchase the council members and spouses buttons.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Woods to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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City Clerk Sarah Britton