

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 25, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Pete Earles, and Sarah Britton

Visitors: Justin Hall, Mark Diaz, Shawn Rider, Vern Hastert,
Brad Wooldridge, Lana Anderson, Rod Nordyke, Amanda Davis,
Abby Blundell, Danny Law, and Bob Nedom

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 approve the consent agenda. Council Members Guy, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

A few citizens spoke regarding their concerns with animals running at large, and how they city is going to take care of this issue.

Interim Police Chief Vagher spoke regarding this issue, and how it is being handled.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Rotary Dog Fountain

Lana Anderson and Amanda Davis with the Rotary club stated that the water fountain is ready to be installed on Patterson Ave. Ted's plumbing will be installing the fountain, and this time only the dog portion of the fountain will be turned on.

Consensus from the council to install the fountain on Patterson Ave.

City Engineer Pete Earles

City Engineer Pete Earles gave the council an update on the US 160 Water Extension Project. Pete also stated that in the next few weeks he and City Administrator Olson will be reaching out to all the businesses to have them sign the easement and annexation agreements.

Pete stated once the easements and annexation agreements have been signed, and the city has had the public hearing on the annexations, the city can move forward with purchasing the materials for the project.

Ordinance 1298 Water System Improvements

City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance authorizing the city to make water tower control system improvements and authorizing the city to issue general obligation bonds to pay costs. The estimated costs of the water improvements to be paid by the City is \$247,000.00, and such costs, plus the necessary cost of financing, is authorized to be paid city-at-large through the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve ordinance 1298. Council Members Duran, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that the Home Products Dinner will be on September 21, 2021 at 7:00p.m., and to let her know if you will be attending.

City Administrator Olson stated that the city replaced three trees on Main street, and there are some business owners that are not interested in putting trees back in, so the city is looking at doing something different at those businesses.

Olson stated that there was a lot of information put out tonight regarding animal control, and that he was in charge of that for a long time and that it is a tough situation. Olson also stated that some of the animals that were discussed that were killed were animals not within the city limits.

Olson stated that the Police have my support in how they are handling the animal situations, because they have other things that they are responsible for. They have a lot to do, and I think they are getting it done.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Guy stated that he does not have a problem with people having animals the problem is there are too many irresponsible pet owners.

Council Member Duran commended the Police, because they have multiple things to take care of.

Council Member Maas stated that he believes that the Police Department is doing all they can with the resources that they have. It goes back to the people you cannot make them be good animal owners. Maas also stated that the new signs coming into town thanking the veterans looks great.

Council Member Warner stated that the council may need to continue the discussion on how to enforce animal regulations a little easier, and informing the public of those regulations.

Mayor Tim McCauley stated he believes that the issues with the dogs are the owners, and that the Police have other issues than just to chase dogs. We need to inform the public that if their animals are out multiple times the fines are going to go up. McCauley thanked Pete Earles for the water update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 6:21p.m. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Absent
Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Terry Maas Council Member

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

 Absent
Council Member Caleb Woods

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton