

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 8, 2021**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Mark Diaz, Daniel Orosco, Keric Sullivan,
Leilani Sullivan, Nathan Engelman, Larry Bortz,
Thelma Bortz, Ginger Anthony, Mary Eves, and
Joyce Adams

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

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

Pastor Nathan Engelman led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to add Pheasants Forever CMB license to the consent agenda. Council Members Guy, Deckert and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

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

Visitors:

Citizen Daniel Orosco stated that for the last few years he has been having problems with the water not draining in front of his house, and that he has spoke with Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores about this issue.

City Administrator Olson stated that he has spoke with Ruben regarding this issue, and the problem is that the street is to level so the city would have to do extensive work to make an incline. Olson did state that this project is on the list but not for sure when it will be completed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Humane Society

Mary Eves and Joyce Adams with the Garden City Humane Society spoke with the council about what it would take for the community to start a Humane Society in Ulysses.

Benefits:

1. Takes responsibility off Law Enforcement for complete running of the shelter.
2. Gain additional funding.
3. Gets whole community involved for the greater good of the city.

Recommendations:

1. Have the initial group meet and decide on one or two people to take the lead. As a group either decide on a name or put it to the public and have a contest.
2. Once the name is chosen, start the 501 C3 process. Check with the Secretary of State to see if your name is a new one. Once the 501 C3 is completed, this will give the organization a non profit status and the grant writing can begin. Any money donated at this point is a tax deduction. Look at setting up a trust.
3. Have the city and county put in the budget for next year a additional person to run the shelter, possibly write grants, clean and feed animals, handle adoptions, find rescues and transports, and develop a medical fund for injured and ill animals.
4. Get local veterinarian on board or traveling veterinarian with a Mobil Unit and hold spay and neuter clinics plus vaccination.
5. Organize volunteers from all walk of life. Some can just donate money, others can help with clinics, help with cleaning the shelter, be an organizer for events or just general worker bees!

We are available just call or we will come over if possible. We can help facilitate training for your shelter. We invite those interested to visit our shelter as well.

Replat 53 N Sunset

City Inspector Richard Banes stated that Frank Hernandez would like to replat 53 N Sunset, and has been approved by the Planning Commission.

Replat of Block 1, Lot 3, Webber West addition in the SW 1/4 section 29, T 28 S, R 37 W Ulysses, Grant County, Kansas

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the replat of 53 N Sunset. Council Members Guy, Deckert and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Ordinance 1299 Water Service

City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance regarding the minimum charge for water service per month, and during the budget process the council voted to raise the minimum charge by 1%. This ordinance shall take effect on all billing on and after January 1, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve ordinance 1299. Council Members Duran, Maas, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Ordinance 1300 Disposal of Refuse

City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance regarding the service charge for collection and disposal of refuse, and will also be raised by 1%. This ordinance shall take effect on all billing on and after January 1, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve ordinance 1300. Council Members Guy, Deckert, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Ordinance 1301 Storm Water Fee

City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance regarding the monthly storm water fee per water meter, and will also be raised by 1%. This ordinance shall take effect on all billing on and after January 1, 2022.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve ordinance 1301. Council Members Guy, Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Ordinance 1302 Wastewater Collection

City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance regarding wastewater collection and treatment system, all users of the Ulysses wastewater collection and treatment system shall be charged a user fee that shall be billed monthly, and will also be raised by 1%. This ordinance shall take effect on all billing on and after January 1, 2021.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve ordinance 1302. Council Members Guy, Warner, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

CMB License for Pheasants Forever/Mexican Independence Festival

City Administrator Olson stated that Sean Mckown will be the Pheasants Forever CMB license holder for the beer garden at the Mexican Independence Festival on September 11, 2021 from 3:00p.m. until 11:00p.m.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the CMB license. Council Members Guy, Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

City Administrator Olson explained to the council which streets that will be blocked off during the Mexican Independence Festival on September 11, 2021.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that he was pleased to see the Human Society come in tonight, and that it would be nice if something developed out of this for the animal shelter, and the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Duran stated that he was happy to see that Council Member Caleb Woods is back in town.

Council Member Guy stated that the Human Society would be worthwhile for the city, and for this community.

Council Member Maas stated that the Human Society's support would be a benefit for the city.

Council Member Deckert stated that she is glad to be back in town.

Mayor McCauley stated that the Human Society would be great, and that the city should also get behind this organization. Mayor McCauley also stated that the Veterans signs coming into town look great, and that the city employees are doing a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Tim McCauley

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