

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 14, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, Lynn Koehn,  
Pete Earles, and Rocksann Sifuentes

Visitors: Justin Hall

**Mayor** Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

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 Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 15, 2022. Council Members Guy, Woods, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

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

**Visitors:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing**

Mayor McCauley opened up the Revenue Neutral Rate for public coment.

City Administrator Olson stated that the RNR for the City of Ulysses is 43.827 mills, and the 2023 budget is currently set at 43.827 mills as well. Olson also stated the auditors recommended that the city vote to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate in case there is a change in valuation etc.

No public comments.

### Roll Call Vote

A roll call vote of the City of Ulysses to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate

Governing Body Member	YES	No
Caleb Woods	X	
Sam Guy	X	
John Duran	X	
Kenneth Warner	X	
Terrance Maas	X	
Mark Diaz	X	

### Resolution No 2022-3

A resolution of the City of Ulysses, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve Resolution No 2022-3. Council Members Guy, Woods, Duran, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

### 2023 Budget Hearing

Mayor McCauley opened the 2023 Budget Hearing for public comment.

City Administrator Olson stated that the 2023 budget has authority for expenditures in the amount of \$15,606,584.00 with a mill levy of 43.827.

No public comments.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the 2023 budget. Council Members Maas, Woods, Diaz, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

### Water Tower Project

#### Base Bid Item

1. Cleaning & removal of sediment
2. Removal of abandoned cables, antennas, etc.
3. Removal old and install roof vent (24" fail safe)
4. Weld roof handrail plates to roof tank
5. Install mid-rail to tank balcony handrail
6. Re-attach dome ladder to roof by welding standoffs
7. Flap gate w/ internal screen on overflow
8. Interior coating system
9. Exterior coating system
10. Disinfection
11. Cable safety climbs on exterior ladder
12. Lettering City name & logo (2 locations)

**Total Base Bid      \$524,000.00 (Engineers Inspection)**

Contractor	Bid
Maguire Iron Inc	\$420,400.00
Viking Painting, LLC	\$689,700.00
<b>G &amp; L Tank Sandblasting and Coating LLC</b>	<b>\$359,000.00 (Low Bid)</b>
Cunningham Sandblasting & Painting Co.	\$622,706.00

City Engineer Pete Earles recommends the city to take the low bid of \$359,000.00 from G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC.

City Administrator stated that the city will be using funds from the American Rescue Plan to fund this project, and that fund currently has \$855,221.00.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the bid from G & L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC for \$359,000.00. Council Members Guy, Woods, Duran, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Attorney Lynn Koehn stated that Ford County Sheriff's Department was unable to serve Pete Woods the court summons, so City Inspector Natalie Anguiano is going to try serving the court summons and weed letter by certified mail.

City Clerk Britton reminded the Council of the Home Products Dinner on September 20, 2022 starting at 6:00p.m.

City Administrator Olson stated that the city has a few new light poles up on Main Street with new benches, and he has received mostly positive comments, with a few negative.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Maas stated that the light poles, and benches look nice on Main Street.

Council Member Guy stated that he would like the city to stay vigilant on city code violations. The city has made some progress, but still has a lot to do. Guy also stated that City Inspector Natalie Anguiano is doing a great job.

Council Member Woods gave a shout out to the group that put on the Mexican Independence Festival. Woods stated that it was a good turn out even though the weather was a little chilly.

Council Member Warner stated that Main Street looks nice, but it may take a little bit to get used to the new lighting.

Mayor McCauley stated that he likes the lights on Main Street. McCauley thanked the employees that did the work on the street lights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:24p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Mayor Tim McCauley

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Council Member Mark Diaz

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Terry Maas Council Member

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Council Member Kenneth Warner

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Council Member Sam Guy

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Council Member John Duran

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Council Member Caleb Woods

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City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton