

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 27, 2010**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Thadd Kistler

Council Members: Larry Velasquez, John Battin, Tim McCauley, John Duran, Ann Papay, Janet Stewart

Staff Present: Dave Black, Daron Hall, Alan Olson, Ruben Flores, Jeff Kreie, Richard Banes, Craig Coultier

Visitors: Shayla Jaquez, Darrin Figgins, Randy McCauley, Arthur Frable, Pete Earles,

Mayor Kistler called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Kistler.

Opening Prayer: Council Member Duran led the Council in the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda: Council Member Battin made a motion to approve the accounts payable and the minutes from January 13, 2010 Council Meeting. Council Member Duran seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Approving Water Line Extension & Golf Irrigation System: City Administrator Daron Hall reminded the Council that at last meeting discussion was held regarding the water line extension and golf course irrigation system, whether to go forward with these projects, and if so, how to finance them. Mr. Hall reported that if the Council approved these projects, the next order of business, as listed on the agenda, would be to pass the Ordinance.

Ordinance #1193: Council Member Duran made motion to approve Ordinance #1193. Motion was seconded by Council Member Papay. Mayor Kistler called for a vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution #2010-2: Council Member Battin made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-2. Motion was seconded by Council Member McCauley. Mayor Kistler called for a vote, and motion was approved unanimously.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Annual Renewal: City Clerk Dana Cotherman stated that it was time to approve and renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield group medical insurance policy. She reported that there was an premium increase of approximately 2.5%. City Administrator Daron Hall added that 6% had been budgeted for the expected increase. Council Member Velasquez made motion to approve renewal of the BCBS group policy and Council Member Battin seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council decided to move on to staff reports next so that staff members would not have to stay and wait for executive session to conclude.

STAFF REPORTS

Dave Black had nothing to report.

Police Chief Alan Olson had nothing to report.

City Clerk Dana Cotherman had nothing to report.

City Administrator Daron Hall had nothing to report.

Executive Session: At 5:15 p.m., Council Member Battin made a motion to go into executive session for thirty (30) minutes. Council Member Papay seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Council members returned at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened. Mayor Kistler stated that there would be no action taken at this time.

Council Member Velasquez had nothing to report.

Council Member Battin had nothing to report.

Council Member McCauley asked if there was any news as to when the new sewer truck would be delivered. City Administrator Daron Hall responded that he has not been notified of any delays, but had not been given a specific date so far. He said he would check on it. Mr. McCauley added that it was his understanding that there was a filtering system out at the golf course, but that it had not been working in quite some time.

Council Member Duran had nothing to report.

Council Member Papay had nothing to report.

Council Member Stewart had nothing to report.

Mayor Kistler had nothing to report.

Council Member Battin told the Council that City Administrator Daron Hall would be going to Topeka to attend legislation and asked if anyone had anything they wanted Mr. Hall to pass on while he is there? Council Member Papay responded that she would like Mr. Hall to tell them to keep Southwest Kansas severance taxes in Southwest Kansas and to not let them roll it into the general fund. City Attorney Dave Black asked that Mr. Hall reinforce the necessity of keeping one judge per county. Council Member Battin stated that the eastern part of the state needs to look at unification on the school issue like we have here.

Adjournment: At 5:52 p.m. Council Member Battin moved to adjourn, and Council Member Duran seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for the vote, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Thadd Kistler, Mayor

Dana G. Cotherman, City Clerk