

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 24, 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
Visitors:	Shayla Jaquez, Jim Spooner, Mary Carson

Mayor Kistler called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 February 10, 2010 Council Meeting. Council Member Duran seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

VISITORS: Jim Spooner presented information about the importance of the 2010 Census stating that this year's census is only ten (10) questions long and provides information to the government that will bring tax money to the area.

Mayor Kistler presented John Duran with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift from the City for 10 years of service.

Motion was made to amend the agenda to include the line item of Accepting Front 9 Irrigation System Bids by Council Member Papay and seconded by Council Member Duran. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Front 9 Irrigation System Bids: City Administrator Daron Hall presented a spread sheet comparing the bids that were submitted for consideration. He recommended taking the lowest bid with both alternates in the amount of \$313,892.00. Council Member Duran made motion to accept the lowest bid submitted by Commercial Irrigation and Turf including the alternates in the amount of \$313,892.00. Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accept Bids for the Bonds: City Administrator Daron Hall informed the Council that this was the final step to authorize, sell, and use bond proceeds to build the new water well and to replace the irrigation system at the golf course. He went on to introduce Ms. Mary Carson, a representative from Triplett, Wolff & Garrettson, L.L.C. He reminded everyone that Ms. Carson has worked with the City as bond counsel on previous bonds. Ms. Carson informed the Council that an information document describing the City and the bonds was sent out to multiple potential purchasers of the bonds and the bid time was this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. She then directed the Council members to the bid comparison sheet in their packets that summarizes the four bids that the City received. Ms. Carson commented that all the bids were excellent, but that the low bid was from UMB Bank in Kansas City, Missouri with the average net interest rate over ten years of 2.6645910%. She went on to tell the Council members that these bids are an excellent reflection of the bidders' perception of the City and the City's financial condition, as well. Ms. Carson informed the Council that there were three actions that needed to be done to complete the Council's process of getting the bonds to be authorized to be issued. Following the issuance, her law firm will submit the transcript to the Kansas Attorney General and the settlement for the bond issue with actual payment to the City of the bond proceeds will be March 17th, 2010. Ms. Carson instructed the Council that the first action to be taken would be to accept the best bid from UMB Bank, followed by passing Ordinance #1194 authorizing issuance of the bonds and the sale of the bonds to the best bidder; and finally approving Resolution #2010-5 which specifies all the terms and conditions of the bonds including the interest rates, provides when the bonds may be pre-paid, and other basic business matters as related to the bonds while they are outstanding.

Council Member Battin made motion to accept the low bid from UMB Bank. Council Member Papay seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance #1194: Council Member Duran made motion to approve Ordinance #1194 and Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2010-5: Council Member Battin made motion to approve Resolution 2010-5. Council Member Velasquez seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance #1195: City Attorney Dave Black reported to the Council that at the recommendation of the Municipal Court Judge, and to make the Municipal court costs more in line with the District court costs, the Municipal Court would like to increase court costs from \$54.00 to \$70.00. Council Member Stewart made motion to approve Ordinance #1195, and Council Member Battin seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Police Car Purchases: City Administrator Daron Hall told Council members that there were two police vehicles that need replaced as approved in the budget with the City's Vehicle Replacement Schedule. He further explained that one was a truck and the other an SUV. To provide more details, Mr. Hall then asked Police Chief Alan Olson to discuss his recommendations. Chief Olson referred Council members to a handout he passed around directing them to the different categories of information for the vehicles he wanted considered. He asked the Council members to look over the options to be put on the vehicles, as well. Chief Olson began by discussing the Ford Explorer stating that it was listed with GSA at \$22101.00 which is 36.61% below manufacturer's suggested retail value or 27% below invoice. He explained to the Council that \$38,000.00 was budgeted for vehicles based on the GSA website for 2009, but that the vehicles budgeted for in 2009 are no longer listed or available from the GSA website. Although, there was no way to know the vehicles budgeted for would not be available at a later date, unfortunately because they weren't, the total for the two vehicles being considered is \$40,646.00 and obviously over the budgeted amount. Mr. Olson stated that he had done some research on what some other vehicles might cost including a Crown Victoria which has been the typical police car for a long time and it was listed as \$23,682.00. The explorer came in under that amount and it has a V-8 engine which is what the police department was hoping for. He went on to say that he had done some comparisons as to gas mileage thinking the Council might be interested in that information. The new Ford Explorer got approximately 11 miles per gallon based on its first 1400 miles; a Crown Victoria was right at 11 mpg; and an Impala came in at 11.8 miles to the gallon. Chief Olson asked the Council to keep in mind that not a lot is gained by purchasing smaller cars because police cars accumulate mainly city miles and a significant amount of time is spent with these cars idling.

Council Member Battin made motion to accept the bids for the Ford Explorer and the Ford F-150. Council Member Duran seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Dave Black had nothing to report.

Police Chief Alan Olson reported that he had two officers at the Academy for the next 14 weeks and one out on medical leave.

City Clerk Dana Cotherman had nothing to report.

City Administrator Daron Hall reported that he had a letter from the League of Kansas Municipalities asking the City to contribute to their Gala Celebration for their 100th Anniversary in designated amounts ranging from \$1000 to \$5000. The Council did not feel compelled to contribute City funds to this. Mr. Hall reminded the Council that there would be an open house at the courthouse to answer questions from the public concerning the railroad and highway project.

Mayor Kistler announced that he would circulate a letter he had received from the Kansas Highway Patrol commending Don Button for the efforts he does and stating how fortunate the City of Ulysses and Grant County are to have him.

Council Member Velasquez commented that the Chamber of Commerce Banquet was good.

Council Member Battin expressed his concern that the city permit system be looked at and possibly revised to set out requirements for every construction project.

City Administrator Daron Hall responded that he and Building Inspector, Todd Hampton, have been looking at implementing just such an amendment to the city code and that he would present something at the next City Council meeting.

Council Member McCauley had nothing to report.

Council Member Duran thanked the City for the benches on Main Street. He suggested that there needs to be a fence around the care home demo site. He expressed concern about blowing trash and public access to the site. He went on to thank everyone for the prayers and concern during his surgery and recovery.

Council Member Papay had nothing to report.

Council Member Stewart stated that the tree boxes on Main Street are really nice and look really good with the benches and mulch.

Mayor Kistler had nothing to report.

Adjournment: At 5:43 p.m. Council Member Battin moved to adjourn, and Council Member Velasquez seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for the vote, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Thadd Kistler, Mayor

Dana G. Cotherman, City Clerk