

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 10, 2010**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Thadd Kistler
Council Members:	Larry Velasquez, Tim McCauley, Ann Papay, Janet Stewart
Council Members Absent:	John Battin, John Duran
Staff Present:	Dave Black, Jessica, Daron Hall, Alan Olson, Don Button
Visitors:	Joline Heckman, Irene Velasquez, Ray Velasquez, Mike Grey, Amy Flores

Mayor Kistler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer: Wayne Flanders, Pastor of the First United Method Church led the Council in the opening prayer.

Consent Agenda: Council Member Papay made a motion to approve the accounts payable and the minutes from February 24, 2010 Council Meeting. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

VISITORS:

Irene Velasquez, representing the American G.I. Forum asked to have approval to have a Cinco de Mayo celebration downtown this year on Saturday, May the 8th. Normally this is held at the Civic Center but they believe that it would be wonderful to have it more centrally located downtown where more people and businesses could participate. The Gazebo area on Main and Kansas is the area in which they are looking at using and request that a portion of the street is blocked off from 1pm-4pm that day as there will be food and activities going on during that time.

Joline Heckman, representing the Tree/Park Board came to give an update on what has been going on with the Board. She explained that they are planning to put a restroom near the shelters located by Frazier Lake. They are planning on having a grand opening for the park the day after the grand opening for the Golf Course. She mentioned that they will be advertising this in the newspaper and thought it would be a good idea to include rules and regulations for the park as well. Heckman informed council that the

new sign that was donated by DJ Signs is now in place. The Park Board is also requesting a Budget for 2010 in order to know what they are able to spend for this year.

Mike Grey expressed his concern about the sidewalks having flat surfaces rather than slanted, due to the risks of falling during ice and snow. Daron Hall did let Council know that he has visited with Ruben Flores and city crew to plow flat surfaces rather than the slanted surfaces.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve manhole rehab contract: City Administrator Daron Hall explained that several years ago the City began supplementing the sewer cleaning program with a rehabilitation contract, which repairs manholes. This serves as a preventative maintenance. The three year contract has just ended and Ruben Flores, Director of Public works has recommended that we switch to Mayer out of Goddard. Although the price is equal, he believes it would be best for us to switch due to prep time needed by City Crew workers. The two year contract with Mayer is \$34, 933.00 and \$35,000.00 is budgeted. This is a very important part of the City's annual preventative maintenance program.

Council Member Ann Papay made a motion to accept the manhole contract recommended by City Administrator Daron Hall, Council Member Larry Velasquez seconded the motion. Mayor Kistler called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Water Contract: Mayor Kistler tabled the discussion for the next Council meeting, since the contract was received early this morning and to also allow the other council members to review it.

Ordinance #1196: City Administrator Daron Hall recommended that fence permits be required when installing fences. A sketched drawing to be approved by Inspections along with a fence permit fee would be implemented. Council Member Tim McCauley made a motion to approve Ordinance #1196 and Council Member Stewart 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 on February 28, 2010 there was a robbery at the Dart-In Convenience store and within 45 minutes those subjects were taken into custody in Kearny County. There was also a Police vehicle that was involved in an

accident and is waiting to be repaired. He reported that there were no injuries in that accident.

City Administrator Daron Hall updated Council that revenues are ahead of expenses and things are looking well. He also updated the Council that during the Golf Board meeting a concern for Golf Cart sheds was raised. The Golf Board wants to raise money to build ten new sheds and after a five year period of time let the City take ownership of them, or have the City put this into the budget. The issue of space came up as to where these sheds would go. Hall discussed the various different concerns that people have concerning storm shelter, sheds, etc. He has asked that the Board come up with some ideas as to where they recommend these items should go. Council Member Stewart brought up the concern of singling out a specific area for a storm shelter when there are other areas that are in town that need them also and the vision for storm shelters should go just beyond the Golf Courses.

Hall also stated that there needed to be a Working Day for Council again and asked that Council check schedules to see when they can plan a date. Mayor Kistler asked if there was an interest for County Commissioners to attend in order to incorporate The County as well.

Don Button wanted to bring Council up to date on what he has been doing. They are working on mitigation plan and need a representative from the City and Daron Hall was volunteered for this.

Mayor Kistler had nothing to report

Council Member Velasquez had nothing to report.

Council Member McCauley had nothing to report.

Council Member Papay had nothing to report. But did question the new bill that was passed to cap out government work and asked if the League is opposing this. Hall stated that the League is opposing this.

Council Member Stewart had nothing to report.

Adjournment: At 5:45 p.m. Council Member Papay 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