

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
October 24, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	John Battin
Council Members Present:	Larry Velasquez, John Duran, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder, Warren Devore, Janet Stewart
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Sheila Maxfield, Dave Black
Visitors:	Tim Vick, Kellie Euliss, Laci McCarter, Marieta Hauser, Joyce Briggs, Janet Hernandez

**Mayor John Battin** called the meeting to order a 5:00 p.m.

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

Reverend Janet Hernandez led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Council Member Larry Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Warren Devore, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Marieta Hauser, Grant County Chamber of Commerce executive director, requested the following street closing for the Christmas Parade on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until after the parade and on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm for the Main Street Blaze. The Council approved the street closing.

City Clerk Margaret Perez stated the Grant County Recreation Activity Center is coordinating the 2012 Trick or Treat Trail this year on Halloween and Kristi Breese needs approval to allow American Implement to park their tractor at the corner of Grant Avenue and Baughman Street during the event. The council questioned and permitted to block off Main Street as well for safety of the children.

Joyce Briggs asked the council to consider improving the Main Street speaker system. An amplifier was replaced seven years ago but the wiring and speakers need to be replaced. Joyce shared the wiring cost may cost \$1,500 and four speakers at \$200 each. Briggs also stated the electrical system is a concern. The council agreed to look into the system and will determine if \$2,500 is available in funds to move forward for the holidays.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA:**

### **Old Business**

#### **Animal Shelter**

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson reported that City Attorney Dave Black contacted the bond attorney and discovered there is no additional action necessary to utilize the bond funds as it was already authorized to toward the project of the animal shelter. Interim City Administrator Olson informed our auditor, Roger Duncan. The building is ordered and will begin no later than November 3rd.

#### **Patterson Avenue Parking**

Interim City Administrator Olson provided Ordinance #1146 which includes:

*Section 6: Amendment, Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets.*

*When curbs are painted giving notice thereof no person shall at any time park a vehicle upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:*

*Joyce Street from Oklahoma Avenue to Nebraska Avenue*

*50' west from the west curb of Colorado Street on Patterson Avenue*

*Alley west of Durham to the alley East of Durham on Patterson Avenue*

Interim City Administrator Olson stated the curb may need to be painted and a sign needs to be placed there.

### **New Business**

#### **Veteran's Day Holiday**

The City observes November 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day which this year is on a Sunday. Interim City Administrator asked for the City to observe the day on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Council Member Janet Stewart, seconded by Council Member John Duran, to designate November 12<sup>th</sup> as Veteran's Day for the City employees. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Third Quarter Treasurer's Report**

City Administrator Olson reported:

Cash Balance: \$3,602,828 (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>)  
\$3,394,320 (as of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>)

Indebtedness: \$1,884,000

Revenues: Received 134% over what we projected. The sales tax receipt was projected at \$1,900,000 for the year and we are at \$1,263,000/ 66.52%. The handout shows the various areas of revenues the City brought in. The last page shows we brought in 57.35% of the 2012 projected revenues.

Expenses: The department heads use this to manage budgets. The bottom shows what department these numbers reflect. The spreadsheets shows which we have under spend as we have spent 59.92% of our budget.

The City has brought in approximately 30% below what was projected. The Council explored various reasons why we show a low percentage of gas well revenues. Mayor Battin highlighted that the City received \$43,131.63 and spent \$16,748.80, leaving us with the balance of \$282,000.00; therefore, we are not in too bad of shape. Council Member Tim McCauley stated with the lost a compressor lease and the electric to run it all, the 30% is not that bad of a position to be in. The compressor lease and the electricity was a big expenditure. Council Member Velasquez concluded the discussion stating the gas well on Missouri Street needs a pumping unit as it is watering up. When that is replaced, the sales will improve.

### **Executive Session**

#### **Purchase of Real Property**

Council Members Dan Widder commented that he would like to limit executive session to the results of the inspection of what was done and have the rest of the discussion in open meeting. Mayor Battin stated the Council will first discuss the topic will be discussed in open session after it is discussed in executive session.

Motion made by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Devore, to enter into executive session, not to exceed ten minutes, to discuss acquisition of real property. Motion carried unanimously. Council and City Attorney Black entered into executive session at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor Battin declared executive session out at 5:35 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez, to purchase the building at, 117 W Grant Avenue, for \$8,597.03. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Staff Comments**

City Attorney Black informed the council the November and December court dates will be on the holiday schedule, which will occur one day per month.

Police Chief Olson reported that he will attend a police officer from the Police Academy on Friday.

Interim City Administrator Olson shared that Utility Rebate Consultant representative who can go through the last few years of our utility bill and find discrepancies which we may have over paid. The business will receive 50% of the saving they find in our upcoming utility bill. Council Member Warren Devore stated his employer uses a collection service and they have benefited by saving money.

**Council Member’s Comments**

Council Member McCauley complimented the Street Department employees are doing a great job.

Council Member Duran and Stewart stated the League of Kansas Municipalities Regional Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, was good. Council Member Stewart stated we need to pay close attention and see if the League is discussing and make our opinions known.

Mayor Battin asked if we have court cost we are not collecting. City Attorney Black stated we generally send them to the Set Off program however we can benefit from having another agency to assist in collection of unpaid costs. Further research will be done.

**Adjournment**

At 5:44 p.m. Council Member Stewart made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Duran. Meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk Margaret Perez