

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 9, 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: John Duran, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder,
Warren Devore, Janet Stewart, Larry Velasquez

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Dave Black

Visitors: Kellie Euliss, Jon Becker, Shayla Jaquez, Robert DeLeon

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

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

Pastor Jon Becker led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

Consent Agenda:

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

BUSINESS AGENDA:

New Business

Homelessness

Robert DeLeon who is a representative with the Balance of State for Continuum of Care for the Homelessness in the State of Kansas, Task Force to End Childhood Poverty and is a commissioner for the Governor's Hispanic/Latino Affairs. DeLeon played a short video which provided a brief introduction of what today's homelessness looks like, especially a rural area like Ulysses. He explained that individuals/families are considered homeless if they:

- Have moved three times within six months
- Who have been housed by agencies
- Are transients who go from one community to the next community
- And are barely making it, intimate of homelessness

DeLeon stated that there has been a 300% increase in the number of food boxes within the last three months. Contact Robert DeLeon to provide individuals/families with support, especially between January 23 -30. During this time, it is a critical to report those who are in need because state funds are available. There are grants that have been awarded to larger cities, but can be awarded to rural communities like Ulysses.

Robert DeLeon informed the council that he has contacted every Sheriff Department in Southwest Kansas to assist the coalition in reaching individuals/families. DeLeon expressed concern that our Sheriff Department believes that they are fixing the homeless by giving them a ride to Garden City, Dodge City or Liberal. DeLeon stated this is not a fix.

Councilmember Stewart directed DeLeon to the Ulysses Ministerial Alliance who are actively involved in emergency care for individuals.

Economic Development Board Member

Mayor Battin appointed Steven Epperson to the Grant County Economic Development Board of Directors. Councilmember Widder made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Duran, to accept Steve Epperson to the Grant County Economic Development Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 CMB Renewals

Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses – The council had two annual CMB licenses to approve. They were approved one at a time.

They were:

- Tiger Lanes Bowling Alley: Council Member Velasquez motioned and Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Downtown Restaurant: Council Member Velasquez motioned and Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Comments

City Clerk Perez announced the City of Ulysses will host the Chamber Coffee on Friday March 1st.

Police Chief Alan Olson reported the City of Ulysses Police Department has a drug dog. The German Shepard is a transplant from Topeka and will be trained in Ulysses.

Council Member’s Comments

Council Members Stewart, Duran, Velasquez, and Mayor Battin praised the Streets Department on doing a great job in clearing the streets during the last snow fall.

Mayor Battin added Marty Long’s restaurant will be opening on January 15th. He commended Council member Stewart and Interim City Administrator Olson of doing a great job speaking on the radio.

Adjournment

At 5:30 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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