

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 13, 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Council Members Absent: Dan Widder

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Dave Black, Sheila Maxfield
& Ruben Flores

Visitors: Gaylon Ethridge, John Alig, Todd Fry, Jerry Jo Deckert,
Tom Vick, Rick Cue, Lonnie Lee, Trevor Ploutz,
Arlene McGillivray, Shayla Jaquez, Warren Baldwin,
Kellie Euliss, Marieta Houser, Leslie Mangels,
Greg Wartman, Charles Hacker

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

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

Pastor Warren Baldwin led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Grant County Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Marieta Hauser formally requested that Baughman Street between Central Avenue to Grant Avenue to be blocked off from Noon on May 29 through June 2nd for the Carnival. Also, in collaboration between the Grant County Chamber, Economic Development and Farm Bureau Association, a Candidate Forum will be held on March 21st beginning at 6:30pm in the South Room at the Civic Center.

Grant County Economic Development

Executive Director John Alig thanked the City Council for supporting the Economic Development and gave the following updates:

- The GC Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development will host a job fair on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 10am-6pm at the Civic Center. There are 14 companies represented.
- On February 20nd, John Alig will be attending a Housing Summit in Garden City. Alig invited the Council.

Jerry Jo Deckert shared her concern with the taxing of personal property versus real estate to deal with refineries and oil and gas plants. This will cost our county money.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

New Business

Arlene McGillivray

Arlene McGillivray expressed concerns about her neighbor's yard which contains wood, toilets, hot water heaters, and vehicles. All of which are causing disruption, as some materials are blowing into her yard. McGillivray continued to share that the pipes placed in Flummerfelt's fenced-in backyard is hitting against her fence. Mayor Battin and Building Inspector Richard Banes has visited with Flummerfelt and he will be cleaning up his yard. Flummerfelt stated he will put more effort in maintaining his front yard. Mayor Battin encouraged McGillivray to contact City Hall for future concerns. The concerns will be addressed as policy allows.

2012 Year End Budget

City Treasurer Sheila Maxfield reported the 2012 year end budget which showed the actual expenses of \$6,353,848.87. The actual expenses were low compared to the budgeted expenses of \$7,928,545.19 which were due to making cuts. City Treasurer Maxfield stated we did well but we do not have extra money as we build the reserve fund which is used for emergency purposes only.

Council Member Stewart inquired the approximate timeframe the State sends the sales tax to the City. City Treasurer Maxfield stated she believes the State distributes the funds approximately two months behind due to when businesses file.

Aeration

City Engineer Pete Earls presented the plans for a new aeration system at the lagoons. We must knock down the ammonia, in order to do so, we must eliminate BOD (Bio oxygen Demand). City Engineer Earls explained the process, shared last year efforts to adding the BO unit. The wetlands are adding the BOD and TSS into the system and it's taking down ammonias at times however, we still need to address the BOD. The City has two new sampling points for Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) that we test for E-Coli.

Proposed Solution:

- Install two Baffles which will come up diagonal from where the intake and exit is. There are two aerators installed have horsepower that is adding air and forcing all the water into an angle through our aerators. The Baffle near the exit will knock down the BOD and ammonia therefore will allow us to have polished samples for KDHE.

Cost:

- We have budgeted \$125,000
- Two 10 horse power high volume aerators (DO2E); two curtains; one 4 horse aerator near polishing pond for \$149,451.00
- City Engineer contacted Dave Electric just to have an approximate cost to report. Dave's Electric quoted: \$18,520.00; 4-horse power aerator: \$4,725.00
- Estimated Total Cost: \$175,000

Non Drilling Agreement

City Attorney Dave Black informed the council there is a developer looking into purchasing a lot in the city and inquired of the 1953 agreement which states the gas under city limit is the city's gas and there will be no drilling on the properties. The developer is requesting the City will not drill on the property since they will be putting a building on it. The consensus was agreed upon for the City to not drill on the property.

Klink Project #25-34-U-0157-01

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson presented an agreement for KLINK Project #25-34-U-0157-01 for approval. This project will resurface K-25 from west Miller Avenue to the south city limits. This is a 75% State and 25% City project. Agreement was approved unanimously.

Staff Comments

Interim City Administrator Olson stated Larry Kepley sent a letter to inform the Council the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District NO. 3 will host a gathering addressing conservation of water. The meeting will be held on February 22nd at 9am in the Lawson Room in the Civic Center.

Police Chief Alan Olson shared that the Police Department participated in the Communities in Schools Career Fair for 8th grade students at Kepley Middle School today. Officer Daniels-Hart and Animal Control Stein maintained the information booth and Officer Hampton allowed the students to meet Keesha, the new drug dog.

Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores reported 1,350 of the 2,400 radio read's fireflies were installed. They all should be installed and ready to operate by mid-March. The City Treasurer will be in contact for the collaboration of Data Technologies to the new meter reads. Mayor Battin inquired on south Missouri Street be redone. Public Works Superintendent Flores will purchase coal mix but may do 3"-4" and redo it with chip and seal.

Council Member's Comments

Council Member McCauley praised the Police Department for participating in the Communities in Schools Career Fair. He attended the event and met the drug dog. He thought the booth provided great information.

Council Member Stewart attended the Chamber Board meeting and stated there are lots of activities in the community which means there are many volunteers who do a great job. Also, Council Member Stewart praised Marieta and Marla for doing a great job with the Chamber. She reminded everyone of the Legislative Coffee that will be held this Saturday at 10am at the Senior Center.

Council Member Duran inquired about the chip seal bid. Public Works Superintendent Flores stated he has been looking into it and will be looking into the cold mix.

Mayor Battin thanked the candidates for attending the council meeting and stated that Officer Daniels-Hart and Animal Control Stein did a great job on the booth during the career fair. He

invited the council to visit City Hall to go on a tour of concerns with the roof and structure of the building.

Adjournment

At 6:00 p.m. Council Member Devore made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Duran. Meeting was adjourned.

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