

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 10, 2013**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: John Duran, Tim McCauley, Warren Devore,
Janet Stewart, Dan Widder & Jerry Jo Deckert

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Danny Watson
& Dave Black

Visitors: Tom Vick, Trevor Ploutz, Kellie Euliss, Shayla Jaquez,
Mike Gray & Pam Jones

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

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

Council Member Duran led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Prior to the approval of payables, Interim City Administrator Alan Olson explained the J & M Display check of \$9,000 for the 2013 fireworks. Originally, the City budgeted \$8,000. However, the county commissioners provided \$3,000, leaving the new total budget amount of \$11,000 available for the 2013 fireworks.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran, to approve the consent agenda. Council Members Stewart, Widder, Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Oaths of Office

City Clerk Margaret Perez administered the oath of office to:

- John Battin sworn in as mayor
- Janet Stewart sworn in as council member
- Tim McCauley sworn in as council member
- Jerry Jo Deckert sworn in as council member

Second Amendment Resolution

There was a discussion between the meanings of "inalienable" vs. "unalienable" rights. The mayor and each council member agreed to support the Second Amendment Resolution.

Tax Rebate Program

Grant County Economic Development is seeking support from the City of Ulysses, Grant County and USD #214 for a new incentive program for businesses and individuals to either purchase property or improve their property that is in need of repair. More information will be provided by Grant County Economic Development.

Each council member agreed to support the Grant County Economic Development in having the tax rebate program.

STAFF COMMENTS

Grant County Emergency Management Don Button reported on a County/City Emergency Operations Plan. Also, while he attended a Kansas Water Utility planning meeting, it was discovered the City of Ulysses water plan need to be updated.

Interim City Administrator Olson reported the City of Ulysses Surplus Property Auction made \$6,580.00. A health insurance committee will be meeting soon. Mayor Battin, Council Members Stewart and McCauley expressed interest in participating on this committee. Lastly, the work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at City Hall.

City Clerk Perez provided the council members with the itinerary for the Governing Body Institute and Mayor’s Conference in Topeka on May 10th & 11th. Council Member Stewart requested the minutes need to reflect when the council members attend trainings for audit purposes.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Each council member congratulated the re-elected and newly elected governing body and mayor.

Council Member Stewart stated she is looking forward to attending the Governing Body Institute which she will learn more about how minutes need to be completed and the council members need to provide leadership to City Clerk Perez to ensure the minutes consist of the required amount of information.

Council Member Duran commented on how nice the Frazier Park is looking and would like another volleyball area at Frazier Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Devore to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nay, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Dan Widder

Council Member Janet Stewart

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Warren Devore

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Margaret Perez