ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 25, 2012

PRESENT:

Mayor:	John Battin
Council Members Present:	John Duran, Tim McCauley, Larry Velasquez, Janet Stewart, Warren Devore, Dan Widder
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Dave Black, Danny Watson, Daron Hall, Margaret Perez
Visitors:	Pam Jones, Kay McEachern, Jaret Wohling with Downing Sales; Shayla Hernandez Jaquez, Marieta Hauser, Laci McCarter, Rico Perez, Andrew Perez, Lourdes Perez

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

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Randy Parks of the Celebration Baptist Church led the room in prayer.

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Councilmember Janet Stewart, seconded by Councilmember Warren Devore, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors:
Marieta Hauser, Grant County Chamber of Commerce:

- The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual D & J's Shows Carnival on May 31 - June 2, 2012. Marieta asked the Council for permission to close off Baughman Street between Central and Grant Streets at Noon on Wednesday, May 30, and open early morning on Sunday, June 3. Port a potties will be used as well. The Council approved the request.
- The Grant County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet "Totally Awesome 80's" will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012. During this annual award event, the Chamber will recognize the business builder of the year. Council members are to RSVP to City Clerk by February 8th if they are interested in attending.
- Southwest Kansas Chamber of Commerce which consists of regional chamber offices will be sponsoring a 'Night Out In Topeka' on Monday, January 30, 2012. It will be held at the Capital Plaza between 5:30-7:30pm—no charge. Contact Marieta Hauser if you are interested in attending.

Department Reports: None

Business Agenda:

New Business

Appointment of the City Clerk:

Mayor Battin appointed Margaret Perez as the City Clerk of Ulysses, KS. Councilmember John Duran motioned, Councilmember Tim McCauley seconded, to accept Margaret Perez as City Clerk. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Battin swore in Margaret Perez as City Clerk.

2012-13 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Health Insurance Rates:

City Administrator Daron Hall informed the Council of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas rates decreased 4.6% for 2012-2013. Hall recommended that we accept these rates which will begin in April 2012. Hall explained that the City is part of a huge pool which consists of 10,000 members had overall decreased by 3%. The City health rate decreased by 1.65% as the dental rates increased. The net of health and dental for the City rates decreased to 4.65%. Councilmember Janet Stewart stressed the importance to be grandfathered until we become informed of rates in the future. In addition, Councilmember Stewart stated she would like to consider raising the employee contribution by 5% while we can without getting penalized. Councilmember John Duran said that the employees have stayed healthy and continue to encourage City employees to stay healthy. Councilmember Dan Widder echoed by stating due to the economy, we do not want to dump more onto employees, especially when the low employee contribution attracts top notch individuals to the City. Councilmember Warren Devore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Larry Velasquez to accept the rate as proposed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas of a 4.6% decrease and did not change the employee contribution rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Trash Truck Bids:

The City received and reviewed three (3) bids:

Downing Sales & Service, Inc.:

1. **Kann 20 Yard SLEC Body with $30,000 Trade In**
   Yard HLR Serial #PMLHLR290000282105
   Mount On: 2013 Freightliner M2-106 with Cummin ISC 300HP Engine
   20,000# Single Front Axle
   30,000# Single Rear Axle
   Square, smaller and can carry 9 ton but there will be wear and tear.
   Total: $151,837.00 (includes Trade In)
2. **PakMor HLR 29 Yard Side Load Refuse Body with $30,000 Trade In**
   Yard HLR Serial # PMLHLR290000282105
   Mount On: 2013 Freightliner M2-106 with Cummin ISC 300 HP Engine
   14,700 # Front Axle
   30,000# Rear Axle
   Total: $112.951.00 (includes Trade In)

Freightliner Liberal, LLC.

1. **2013 Frightliner M2 106 chassis with $15,000 Trade In**
   30 Yard Champion square packer body
   Total: $139,756.00

Ruben Flores, Public Work Superintendent, explained the budget allotted $180,000 for a residential trash truck. There were three bids submitted by two companies. Ruben explained how he compared shape, durability, and safety features by visiting with the employees in Garden City and Johnson. Ruben collected satisfactory comments regarding the performance and features of the truck with a square shape. In addition, the square shape is much easier to clean. Councilmember Widder asked about durability over the upcoming years and the duration of the trucks. Ruben explained the City keeps trucks for seven to eight (7-8) years before a trade in is necessary. Following the review and discussion of each bid, Ruben recommended accepting Bid #1: $151,837 Kann 20 Yard SLEC Body with $30,000 Trade In. Trade-In is a 2005 Sterling truck. Council member Widder motioned, Councilman Duran seconded, to Trade-In 2005 Sterling VIN #07897 with PakMor 29 for $30,000 for 2013 Kann 20 Yard SLEC Body. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Comments:
Hall welcomed Margaret Perez as City Clerk

Council Members' Comments:
Welcomed Margaret Perez as City Clerk

Adjournment: At 5:43 p.m. Councilmember Warren Devore, seconded by Councilmember Larry Velasquez, made motion to adjourn. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

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John Battin, Mayor	Larry Velasquez, Councilmember
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Tim McCauley, Councilmember	Dan Widder, Councilmember
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Janet Stewart, Councilmember	John Duran, Councilmember
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Warren Devore, Councilmember	Daron Hall, City Administrator

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Margaret Perez, City Clerk