

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
January 24, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: Tim McCauley, Jerry Jo Deckert,
Sam Guy, Ken Warner, and John Duran

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Dave Black

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Bob Dale, Galen Pelton, Jamie Kratzer,
and Randy Klein

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the consent agenda. Council Members McCauley, Duran, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated he would like to add the quarterly report to the consent agenda.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to add the quarterly report to the consent agenda. Council Members Warner, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Rezone Ansel Industrial Park 707 E Nebraska

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale explained to the council that they would like to rezone this property from residential to commercial and industrial. Bob stated the main reason for creating an industrial park is Ulysses needs to have something to offer to people, and the most important thing that we have discovered is business and companies do not drive through Ulysses. These companies are looking for places that are for sale on the internet.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale also explained that at this time nobody is interested in building, but we need the property ready if someone becomes interested.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the rezone of Ansel Industrial Park 707 E Nebraska. Council Members McCauley, Warner, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Golf Course Green Fee Rates

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the green fees have not been looked at since 2010. Olson believed these needed to be reviewed and changed if needed.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the green fee rates. Council Members McCauley, Deckert and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1265 Special Event Permit

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that this is a permit for any person wanting to sell or serve any cereal malt beverage at a special event within the city limits. Olson explained that there will be a fee in the amount of \$100.00 on each group before the event begins, and \$25.00 fee to be remitted to the Division of Alcohol Beverage Control.

Interim City Administrator Olson explained to the council about taking a portion of the \$100.00 permit fee and forwarding it to Chamber of Commerce, because a majority of the events are sponsored by the Chamber.

Council Member Deckert requested if an event is held on city property that a \$100.00 deposit be made to the city to make sure property is cleaned up after event is over.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated we will look into adding a deposit for clean up.

Ordinance 1266 Temporary Permit to Serve or Sell Liquor

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that this permit requires for any person granted a temporary permit by the State of Kansas to sell or serve any alcoholic liquor within the city must first obtain a local temporary permit from the city clerk.

Mayor John Battin stated to the council take these two permits home and review them, and if you have any suggestions or changes let Interim City Administrator Olson know.

Klotz Sand Quote

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that Public Works Superintendent Flores has received a bid from Klotz Sand. The bid is for 3500 ton 1/2 crushed rock for \$23.08 per ton. Olson stated the total bid is \$80,780.00, and the street department has budgeted \$130,000.00.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the bid from Klotz sand. Council Members Duran, Deckert and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Blue Cross Renewal

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that City Clerk Britton and I met with the Blue Cross representative last week, and she informed us that there will be a 8.10% increase for this year.

City's last five year renewal history

Plan Year	Percentage of Increase/Decrease
2018	+8.10%
2017	-2.71%
2016	+4.45%
2015	+9.51%
2014	+2.79%

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Guy to approve the Blue Cross Renewal. Council Members Duran, Warner and McCauley voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Quarterly Report

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that as of October 1, 2017 the city had a balance of \$6,499,047.10 and the city ended the year with \$6,797,270.70 in the bank. The city began 2017 with \$5,775,520.00.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he spoke with Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores and he is interested in getting bids for a new trash truck. Olson also stated that Ruben is looking for a car trailer in the amount of \$7,000.00 to haul the bob cat.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he spoke with Golf Superintendent Ty Schrock regarding the condition of the Golf Course, and they are having some issues with getting water to the greens so they are working on that.

Olson stated that on February 7th at the Civic Center from 8:30 to 11:30 is career day for the 8th graders. Tigers In Action would like for that city to have a table at the career day. Olson is looking for volunteers.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she attended one of the Economic Development survey meetings. She believed that this survey was well accomplished by the students.

Council Member Warner believed that the survey was a good starting point, but some of the questions were contradicting.

Council Member Duran believed the survey was good but might need some more work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam Guy

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton