

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
April 25, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

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

Visitors: Lara Tusten, and Reverend John Becker

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

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

Reverend John Becker 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 Duran, Velasquez, McCauley and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to add the quarterly report to the consent agenda. Council Members Deckert, Warner, McCauley and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Opioid Addiction Crisis Resolution No 3

This is the resolution authorizing, approving and directing the employment of certain law firms to represent city in potential litigation against contributors of opioid addiction.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to approve resolution No 3. Council Members Deckert, Warner, McCauley and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments

Mayor Battin made the following appointments:

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to accept Alan Olson as Interim City Administrator. Council Members McCauley, Warner, Deckert and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Clerk Sarah Britton

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept Sarah Britton as City Clerk. Council Members Velasquez, Deckert, Guy and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Treasurer Sheila Maxfield

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to accept Sheila Maxfield as City treasurer. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Velasquez and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Police Chief Alan Olson

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to accept Alan Olson as Police Chief. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, Deckert and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Attorney Dave Black

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to accept Dave Black as City Attorney. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Guy and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Municipal Judge Margaret Alford

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept Margaret Alford as Municipal Judge. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Duran and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Planner John Riggs

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to accept John Riggs as City Planner. Council Members Velasquez, Warner Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City Engineer Earles Engineering

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept Earles Engineering as City Engineer. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Duran and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Official Newspaper Ulysses News

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Duran to accept Ulysses News as City Official Newspaper. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Official Newspaper Garden City Telegram

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member McCauley to accept Garden City Telegram as City Official Newspaper. Council Members Velasquez, Duran Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Official Radio Station

KULY

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member McCauley to accept KULY as City Official Radio Station. Council Members Velasquez, Guy Warner, and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Official Banks

Grant County Bank, Bank of Ulysses, First National Bank

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept Grant County Bank, Bank of Ulysses, and Western State Bank as City Official Banks. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Board of Electrical Examiners: Justin Ford, Aron Metcalf, Dave Metcalf, Kyle Stringham

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept the Board of Electrical Examiners. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Plumbing & Mechanical Examiners: Octavio Banuelos, John Crosby, Rafael Esser, Dexter Peters

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to accept the Board of Plumbing & Mechanical Examiners. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Guy and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Economic Development Corporation

Galen Pelton

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Deckert to accept the Board of Plumbing & Mechanical Examiners. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Guy and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Utilities Board

Leroy Rodriguez	Pioneer Electric
John Crosby	Fire Department
Larry Davis	Pioneer Electric
Ruben Flores	City of Ulysses/ City Hall
Richard Banes	City of Ulysses/City Hall
Alan Olson	City of Ulysses/ City Hall
Tim McCauley	Pioneer Communications
Tom Vick	Pioneer Communications
Michael Carnahan	Atmos Energy

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to accept the Utilities Board. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Duran and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Bids for Diving Services(Water Tower)

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the inspection includes removal of three inches of accumulated material from the storage tank using underwater vacuum procedures. Visual inspection of the interior and exterior of each tank, written report with photos for each tank, and DVD of each dive. Olson also stated that Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores would be satisfied with any of these bids.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Guy to accept the bid from Midco in the amount of \$4,768.00. Council Members McCauley, Duran, Velasquez, and Warn voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas.

Quarterly Report

Interim City Administrator Olson stated we started 2018 with \$6,797,270.70 cash on hand, and the ending balance for the first quarter is \$7,442,632.06. Olson also stated that the sales tax this year is up approximately \$20,000.00 from this time last year.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that council member John Duran will be taking her place on the Tigers In Action Board.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he sent the council a copy of the ordinances for fishing at Frazier Lake. Olson asked the council that if they see any changes that need to be made to contact him before the next meeting, because he would like to pass them by the next meeting. Olson also stated that he has received some educational information from the fishing and game department that he would like to get out to the schools, so the younger kids will have an understanding of the procedures of catch and release fishing.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the Hickok School had a walk a thon that raised \$6,600.00 dollars in donations for the animal shelter. Olson suggested that we need to do something to thank Hickok school for the donation.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she is in favor of stopping the opioid crisis, but this might become a burden for the city and county, because of the costs of reversing drugs for the opioid addictions.

Council Member Guy stated that the city crew did a great job removing the items in the alleys for Spring Clean Up.

Mayor Battin stated that he would like the council members to ride with a Police Officer, City Inspector Richard Banes, or come into city hall to see what each of these jobs entails each day. Battin also stated that he would like a council member present at each Golf Board Meeting so the council can be informed of what is going on. Battin stated to the council if we are more involved we will be more informed of what is going on in the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Deckert to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

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