

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 27, 2017**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Pete Earles

Visitors: Bene Garcia, and Pete Woods

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 Duran, McCauley and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Beer Garden Fall Fest

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that in the Kansas Department of Revenue handbook for caterers on page 10 it states. A caterer is allowed to sell and serve alcoholic liquor for consumption on unlicensed premises, which may be open to the public, but only in counties where the voters have approved liquor by the drink. Olson stated that he called the court house and confirmed that we have approved liquor by the drink.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he has confirmed Out Law's liquor license, and he also talked to alcohol beverage control and verified that the beer garden could take place. Beverage control also stated that they would be willing to come to Ulysses and give the people involved some education on how to put on a beer garden.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the beer garden for Fall Fest October 7, 2017. Council Members Velasquez, McCauley, Warner, and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he spoke with the City Attorney Black regarding the current city ordinance which does not allow for beer gardens under the 3.2 cereal malt beverage

license. Olson asked the council if we could update this ordinance so cereal malt beverage license holders would be able to participate in beer gardens.

NEW BUSINESS

Railroad Tracks On Main Street

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he met with the new general manager of the railroad at the main street crossing on Friday. At that time they discussed what we could do in terms of fixing the crossing, and the railroad stated they have plans to do a permanent fix but it will probably be in a year. They also discussed what they could do for a temporary fix. At this time they have decided the railroad will go in on the north and south set of tracks and clean them up, and on the two center tracks they will take out the wood and put new railroad ties, rock, and leave space for six inches of asphalt.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the railroad figured this project to cost \$12,000.00 for a temporary fix for the two tracks, and that the city would provide \$4,000.00 for the project. The city would provide a backhoe operator to haul rock, and supply the asphalt.

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that this temporary fix should last for a few years.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the railroad at this time will only be fixing 16 feet on each side of the center making it approximately 16 feet lanes to go in each direction. Olson also stated that if this is something that the city would like to proceed with he will let the railroad know. Olson also stated the railroad should probably be able to start in the next 30 days.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton reminded the council that if they had any receipts from the conference to turn them in for reimbursement.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that Tatro Plumbing will be starting the replacement of the heating and air conditioning units tomorrow. Olson also stated that he received a letter stating at this FEMA is suspending all funds at this time to help with the hurricane relief.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Warner stated that he enjoyed the conference.

Council Member Duran stated that he enjoyed the conference, and thanked City Engineer Pete Earles for the great meal in Wichita at the conference.

Council Member McCauley stated that he also enjoyed the conference, and a few new things.

Council Member Deckert stated that her and council member Duran went to a session at the conference regarding retirement, and Deckert believes that it would be worthwhile to have someone come talk to the city employees regarding retirement.

Council member Devore stated that he has a job opportunity in Iowa that he is going to be taken. Devore stated that this will be his last meeting. Devore also stated that it has been a pleasure working with everyone, and he thanked the Mayor for the opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Warren Devore

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Larry Velasquez

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton