

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
January 11, 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
Visitors:	Pam Jones, Tom Vick, Shayla Hernandez Jaquez, Jeff Walker, Thadd Kistler, Roger Gardner, Laci McCarter, Richard and Jean Veach, Catherine Moyer, Kevin Moyer

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

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

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

**Consent Agenda:** The Mayor made the comment that the minutes were updated to reflect that Councilman Widder left the last meeting and did not return. Councilman Tim McCauley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilman John Duran seconded. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Visitors:** None

**Department Reports:** None

**Business Agenda:**

**New Business**

**Proclamation for Richard Veach** – Mayor Battin read the Proclamation aloud acknowledging Richard's thirty-eight years of service and excellent leadership. Once the Mayor finished everyone in the room stood and applauded Mr. Veach for his contributions. Mr. Veach said he was very honored and appreciated it very much.

### **Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment**

Mayor Battin explained that the Board recommended Verlin Shorter as the new member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilwoman Janet Stewart moved that the appointment be made. Councilman Velasquez seconded. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Staff Comments:** Police Chief Alan Olson explained he had received a quote for the new police vehicle, a Ford Explorer which would replace the 2002 Bonneville driven by the School Resource Officer Tony Cavasos. \$25,000 was budgeted for the vehicle, the quote was \$24,630.87 from the Government Services Administration. The Chief also looked at a full size Chevy Caprice which was more expensive. He said we could get Impalas for less but he was not happy with them. The Dodge Charger's were \$23,989 and Chief Olson explained he tried to look at Ford's because we have a Ford dealership in town. Councilman Widder made the motion to approve the purchase of the Ford Explorer. John Duran seconded. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Hall asked the Council if they wanted Ruben to bid the two pickup trucks budgeted for 2012 since there is only one local dealership. Councilwoman Stewart asked how much was budgeted for each of the trucks. Hall stated it was around \$25,000. Councilwoman Stewart wants us to buy locally. The Council's consensus was to bid it and if the bid is close we would go with the local bidder.

Hall mentioned the City Planner John Riggs would be in town January 19 from 5pm to 8pm to provide training to the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the City Planning Commission about their roles and responsibilities. The Council is welcome to attend.

### **Council Members' Comments:**

Councilman Widder asked if the City could install a speaker system for the Council Chambers. Administrator Hall was directed to get a quote. Councilman Duran commented on how well Building Inspector Richard Banes was addressing concerns from citizens about roof work related to hail storm. He also said the City crews did a good job on the snow. Councilman McCauley also thanked the City crews for the good job they did on the snow. Councilman Warren Devore agreed with the remarks about the City's work on the snow removal. Councilman Larry Velasquez said he had received positive comments about the City crews work on the dirt roads on Arizona and Illinois, but agreed that we were not done. Mayor Battin said he also thought the snow removal effort went well.

**Adjournment:** At 5:19 p.m. Councilman Duran made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Devore seconded the motion. Mayor Battin called for the vote, motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

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John Battin, Mayor

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Larry Velasquez, Councilmember

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Tim McCauley, Councilmember

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Dan Widder, Councilmember

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Janet Stewart, Councilmember

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Warren Devore, Councilmember

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Daron Hall, City Administrator