

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 8, 2017**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, Dave Black, Ruben Flores,
and Pete Earles

Visitors: Jen Hittle, Mal Crane, Orlando Perez, Gary Boldt,
and Bob Dale

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Devore to add Director of Economic Development Bob Dale to the agenda. Council Members Warner, Duran, and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tigers In Action

Jen Hittle Director of Tigers In Action introduced her staff Mel Crane and intern Orlando Perez. Jen also explained to the council all programs and activities that they have completed so far this year, and activities that are still to come. She thanked the council for their continued support.

Economic Development

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that on February 2, 2017 Economic Development purchased 41 acres of land located at the South West Corner of Stubbs and Nebraska to be used potentially as a industrial park. Bob also stated that people are looking and interested in this property.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that Economic Development for the last few years has done a business revitalization plan where we have assisted local businesses with grants to help beautify the exterior of their building. Bob stated that in 2017 they have decided to do something different. Economic Development teamed up with Legacy Fab Works here in Ulysses to create address signs, and selling them to the public for \$50.00, and if you are a Chamber Member the amount will be \$25.00. Economic Development will be taking orders through March.

Water Well Repairs

Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores stated that well #9 has a hole in the casing, and about 80 feet of gravel inside. Ruben also stated that we are planning to do the same thing to well #9 that we did too well #8 last year.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve the repairs to well #9 in the amount of \$109, 318.00. Council Members Devore, Warner, and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Water Project Change Order #7

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that 21 water services were missed on the original plans which consists of four blocks on main street.

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR CHANGE ORDER #7

Original Contract Price	\$2,062,712.20
Previous Change Orders No. 1,2,3,4,5&6	-(\$288,053.00)
Contract Price Prior to this Change Order	\$1,774,659.20
Net Increase of this Change Order	\$54,094.80
Contract Price with all Approved Change Orders	\$1,828,754.00

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve change order #7 in the amount \$54,094.80. Council Members Devore, Warner, and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Grant County Economic Development Request

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he received a letter from Economic Development requesting their funding for the year which is budgeted for \$50,000.00. Mayor Battin stated that it is a budgeted item, and that the requested amount needs to be paid.

Charter Ordinance 5

City Clerk Britton stated that the only changes made to the Charter Ordinance are the time of year elections will be held. The governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city official elected in November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office. The other change is in accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for the city office [elected at large] by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by 50 of the qualified electors of the City of Ulysses.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Devore to approve Charter Ordinance 5. Council Members McCauley, Warner, and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton asked the council to please RSVP by February 17th, 2017 for the Chamber Dinner.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that we are going to have to put some money into the city's John Deer tractor which does all the mowing. It has a bearing out in the pto portion of the tractor. The estimate for the repairs is \$4,200.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member McCauley thanked the council for carrying the load for him while he was gone.

Mayor Battin stated we have an amazing police force, and amazing people that work for us.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 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 Warren Devore

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Larry Velasquez

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton