

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
February 14, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

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

Visitors: Bene Garcia, Kristi Anderson, Lana Long-Anderson,
Roger Robinson, Charlotte Peterson, Erica Oglevie,
Ron Smith, Cindy Howard Reeves, and Terry Maas

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 1265 Special Event Permit

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that this is an ordinance permitting temporary cereal malt beverage sales and consumption on city property.

Mayor Battin stated that his only concern is that he does not believe that there should not be any alcohol at Memorial Park, Barb Dye Park, Lazy G Park, or Russ Binney Park.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve ordinance 1265 with the change of no special event permit will be issued for events in Memorial Park, Barb Dye Park, Lazy G Park, or Russ Binney Park. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1266 Temporary Permit to Serve or Sell Liquor

Interim City Administrator Olson stated this is an ordinance permitting temporary alcohol sales and consumption on city property.

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve ordinance 1266 with the change of no special event permit will be issued for events in Memorial Park, Barb Dye Park, Lazy G Park, or Russ Binney Park. Council Members Duran, McCauley, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Connect Ulysses

Erica Oglevie with connect Ulysses spoke with the council regarding the completed project at Barb Dye Park, and the connect Ulysses sign that they will be putting in. Erica also explained the next project that they would like to complete is on Joyce Street.

Joyce Street Project Synopsis

Location: Joyce Street south of Nebraska and north Janice.

Materials: 276 total cubic yards of concrete and mesh.

Cost: Estimated at \$35,000.00 for materials

Labor Source/Costs: TO BE DETERMINED

The southwest quadrant of the City of Ulysses was identified as a location of need for improvements to or to provide a safe walking surface for our community. Connect Ulysses envisions the installation of a 5' wide sidewalk on the west side of Joyce Street, and a standard sidewalk extension of the unoccupied properties on the east side of Joyce Street.

Erica stated that connect Ulysses is requesting from the city to lay the concrete for the sidewalks, and they would provide the materials.

Interim City Administrator Olson asked Erica if they had initiated any written agreements between Connect Ulysses and the land owners. Erica stated they had no expectation of having any written agreement or any release of liability.

Mayor Battin stated that the City Attorney Black needs to do some research to make sure the city will not be liable if anything should happen to the property.

City Attorney Black stated that the city would need a written agreement from each landowner stating that they agree to the city putting in the sidewalk, and that the property owner would be responsible for any repairs of the sidewalk.

Grant County Recreation

Kristi Anderson with Grant County Recreation stated that they would like help from the city crews to remove the building from across the street. Kristi stated that they have discovered that the foundation is broken on the southeast end side, and to repair the building it would be too much to repair.

Council Member Guy asked Kristi if there is mold in the building, and Kristi stated that yes there has been mold detected in the building.

Council Member Warner asked Kristi if she had a quote for what it would cost if the Recreation had a private entity tear the building down. Kristi stated that they low bid is \$19,500.00. Warner also asked Kristi if she had a quote to repair the building.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city's only concerns for tearing the building down is that there is a heating and air unit on top of the building, getting the glass out of the front of the building, and there will be a need for fill dirt and also some tipping fees at the landfill. Kristi agreed that the Recreation would take care of all of those concerns.

Mayor Battin asked if any of the council had a problem with tearing the building down. Council Member Warner stated that he would rather put the money in Connect Ulysses, because the Grant

County Recreations budget is not short. Warner believes they have the budget to tear the building down.

Council Member Duran stated that he feels the same way Warner does.

Mayor Battin stated that it is one taxpaying entity trying to help another taxpaying entity.

Council Member McCauley stated that by tearing the building down we could help the Recreation save \$19,500.00 to go towards the new building they are wanting to build, and it would also be helping the kids, and community.

Council Member Velasquez stated that if it is going to help the kids lets tear the building down.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve the city crew to tear down the grant County Recreation Programs Building. Council Members Velasquez, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, Warner. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, one.

Sunflower Ridge Sub Division Plat and Rezone

City Inspector Banes stated that this is the property just east of the cemetery, but in the tree mile radius. A developer out of Denver Colorado wants to rezone this property to RS which is rural subdivision. There will be 12 two acre lots for sale. The planning commission approved this rezone on February 6, 2018.

Ulysses citizen Ron Smith concerns regarding this rezone is who will be responsible for taking care of the property the city or county, and if the developer is really serious about this property why has he not been to any of the meetings. Ron believes that this individual that lives in Denver and is going to be selling these lots does not care what the property is going to look like.

Mayor Battin stated that once the zoning is completed the city has no jurisdiction other than the zoning.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the Sunflower Ridge Sub Division Plat and Rezone. Council Members Velasquez, and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, Guy. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, one.

Purchase Police Vehicle

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that in the 2018 budget the city has budgeted \$30,000.00 to purchase a police vehicle, and the city purchases them through a government program. Olson stated that he is looking at Ford Police Interceptor Utility. The purchase price is \$29, 418.00.

Federal Fund Exchange

Interim City Administrator stated that the Federal Fund Exchange has changed this year. In the past the city has received 90% as a exchange rate, and the state has changed that rate to 75%. Olson also stated that the city has to turn in all receipts by September 15, 2018 for reimbursement or we lose that money.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member McCauley to participate in the Federal Fund Exchange. Council Members Velasquez, Duran, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that the City/County lunch will be February 20th at 1:00pm at Alejandros.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city is taking some bids to replace two roofs at the Golf Course, and we are also going to get ready to sell some surplus property.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Velasquez wished everybody a Happy Valentine's Day.

Council Member Duran stated that Connect Ulysses is doing a good job of keeping the council informed.

Council Member Guy stated that this was an interesting meeting.

Council Member McCauley thanked Ron Smith for coming in and voicing his opinion, and thanked the Connect Ulysses committee for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 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