

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 28, 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, and Dave Black

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Nathan Engelmann, Erica Oglevie,
Bene Garcia, Charlotte Peterson, and Greg Newell

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

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

Pastor Nathan Engelmann led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Charlotte Peterson with Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital stated that they would like to have a 5-K Bunny Hop on April 14, 2018 starting at 4:00p.m., and they would like to block off Joyce street for about an hour. Peterson also stated that after the run they will be having beer beans and burgers at Outlaws.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Connect Ulysses

Erica Oglevie with Connect Ulysses informed the council of the changes that they made on the landowner agreement for the Joyce street sidewalk installation. The council was in agreement of the revised agreement. Oglevie stated that once the agreements are signed by the landowners she would contact Interim City Administrator Olson to start the next step of the project.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the landowner agreement between the Connect Ulysses and landowners. Council Members Velasquez, McCauley, Duran, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Rotary Club Interact Project Frazier Park

Erica Oglevie with Rotary Club stated that the Rotary Club has a youth organization at the High School called the Interact Club. The Interact Club has contacted the Grant County Recreation that they would like to do league sand volleyball tournaments at the Frazier Park sand courts.

Oglevie stated that the Rotary Club would like to improve the courts. So they would like to use some of the foundation money to buy new nets, boundary tape, sand grate, ball fence, volleyballs, volleyball bag, scoreboard mounts, storage equipment, and lighting. The lighting would be provided from a HUGS Grant or Pioneer Electric project. Oglevie also stated the equipment total is around \$1,700.00.

What is The Desired Outcome?

Clean sand, new court accessories, and lighting. This will support the current youth organization of summer sand volleyball leagues and tournaments. Interact will provide the labor associated with cleaning the sand courts. Pioneer Electric will install a new pole and LED lighting on the senior court. City of Ulysses will absorb recurring electricity costs, and will provide guidance for the project, and assist with maintenance and equipment storage.

Erica Oglevie stated that the Interact Club would like permission from the city to have a work day in May to help clean up the volleyball courts.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to let the Rotary Club and Interact Club to make some improvements to the Volleyball Courts at Frazier Park. Council Members McCauley, Warner, Velasquez, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas.

Grant County Insurance Quote

Greg Newell with Grant County Insurance stated that the insurance rates are up \$18,000.00 this year. Newell explained that some of the property values have increased causing the increase in premiums, and he also stated that some of properties were under insured.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the Grant County Insurance premium payment. Council Members Velasquez, Deckert, Guy, and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Roof Bids

Interim City Administrator Olson stated the city has received bids to replace the roof on the new and old golf course club house. Olson also stated that the cash value that the city has received from the insurance is \$10,952.00 less the deductible.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated after speaking with the insurance adjuster his recommendation for the two roofs at the golf course would be Chamblis Roofing.

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member McCauley to accept the bid from Chamblis roofing for \$10,953.20. Council Members Duran, Warner, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas.

Crack Sealing Material Quote

Interim City Administrator stated that we received two bids for crack sealing material. Olson also stated that the city has budgeted \$35,000.00 for this material, and the low bid is \$20,250.00.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to accept the bid from PMSI for \$20,250.00. Council Members Duran, Warner, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the Golf Course superintendent Ty Schrock has tried a few different options for hiring summer help, but at this point Olson believes it would be best to hire another full time position.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member McCauley to search and hire a full time employee at Golf Course. Council Members Duran, Warner, Velasquez, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city is having some significant issues with the road grader. The current road grader that the city owns is a John Deere it is 19 years old. Olson stated estimations to fix the grader is \$10,000.00. Olson explained there are a few options that the city has because this is not a budgeted item.

Interim City Administrator stated there has been some discussion with sales representatives in regards to taking the city's grader in trade for the first payment, and then budget for other payments for 2019. Olson stated he would like to know if the council would like to fix the old grader or look at other options to purchase a different grader.

Interim City Administrator stated that the city only has one grader so this is a necessary item. The council agreed for Interim City Administrator to look for some different options.

City Attorney Black gave the council the Opioid litigation information. He sated for them to read the information and we will review this at the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that the town is looking good.

Council Member McCauley stated that he had a concerned citizen call him regarding how much rock was still on the streets. McCauley thanked Interim City Administrator Olson and the city crew for cleaning up the rock.

Council Member Velasquez stated that they have started working on the corner of Missouri and Oklahoma where the convent store will be.

Council Member Duran also thanked the city crew for picking up the rock.

Mayor Battin stated that he would encourage all council members to drive around the city, and see what you think, and we can talk about this at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Deckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 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 Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam Guy

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton