

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
March 22, 2017**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

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

Visitors: Bene Garcia

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

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

Council Member Tim McCauley led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Erica Olgovie with Rotary spoke with the Council regarding new walking trails with signs throughout the town. Erica stated that as a club they have voted and taken on the responsibility to work on a trail system throughout the city. She also stated that the members of Rotary can commit the club to this project as a avenue of our service for years to come.

Erica explained to the Council that Rotary would take on the commitment of insuring that the trail system would be maintained through other organizations and clubs getting involved. The end goal of the project would be to have some kind of trail and sidewalk system that connects Frazier Park to Road I, at the Patterson intersection.

Mayor Battin asked what the first phase of the project will be. Erica stated that the first phase will be to identify what trails exist and what condition they are in. Erica also stated that she will keep the council informed on the progress on the project.

Mayor Battin asked the Council if there is any objection for Rotary to proceed with this project. No objection from the council.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot Lease Agreement

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that in late December it was brought to the City's attention that the lease agreement between the City and Grant County Bank regarding the parking lot south of city hall had expired.

City Attorney Black stated that it is the same lease that we had before. The only difference is that in the agreement it states that this parking lot is used for city employees and the general public in the hope of helping the city be exempt from paying taxes on this property.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to except the parking lot lease agreement. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he received a Corporation Warranty Deed from the Grant County Bank, deeding the city the property that is directly behind city hall. Part of the property is owned by Grant County Bank, and the other part is owned by Gregg Newell. Olson also stated that City Attorney Black has prepared the paper work for Gregg and his wife to sign for the other half of property. The city's agreement with the Newell's is to pay them a \$1,000.00 for their section of property.

Bids For Shop Vehicles

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the council needs to resend the vote on the 2017 1500 Reg. Cab, 144.5", WB Work Truck with 8' Box. The lowest bid was not voted on at the last meeting. City Attorney Black stated that the council needs a new motion and vote.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to resend the vote for the Ford F-150 Reg. Cab. in the amount of \$22,269.00. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner and Velasquez voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Item to be Purchased: 2017 1500 Reg. Cab, 144.5", WB Work Truck with 8' Box

Bidder #1

Bidder #2

Company: Lopp Motors Inc.

Company: Burtis Motor Co.

Make: RAM

Make: Ford F-150 Reg. Cab

Bid Price \$20,318.00

Bid Price \$22,269.00

Trade In \$ 0

Trade In \$ 0

Total Price **\$20,318.00**

Total Price **\$22,269.00**

Bid Position: Lowest Bid

Bid Position: Highest Bid

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Devore to except the low bid on the RAM from Lopp Motors Inc. for \$20,318.00. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Item to be Purchased: 2017 3500 DRW-4X2 145.3" WB Work Truck
Tommy Lift: 1600 Capacity/Loading Area On Platform 42" Deep

Bidder #1

Bidder #2

Company: Burtis Motor Co.

Company: Lopp Motors Inc.

Make: Ford F-350

Make: RAM with Bed

Bid Price \$31,755.55

Bid Price \$42,342.00

Trade In \$3,500.00

Trade \$ 0

Total Price **\$28,257.05**

Total Price **\$42,342.00**

Bid Position: Lowest Bid

Bid Position: Highest Bid

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to except the low bid on the Ford F-350 from Burtis Motors Inc. for \$28,257.05. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner and Velasquez voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

City/County Agreements

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he had City Attorney Black put in the statute numbers in the second paragraph to give the city authority to enforce zoning. Olson also stated that everything is the same except for all City Inspector Richard Banes will only do zoning in the three mile radius.

City Attorney Black stated that the only other change is that this agreement shall automatically renew for successive one year terms under the same terms and conditions unless either party is mailed by U.S. mail (or make personal delivery to the respective Clerk) of a notice of cancellation of the agreement not less than 30 days before the end of each 1 year term.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Devore to accept the City/County Agreement. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Duran and Velasquez voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Black stated that the city learned a lot from City Planner John Riggs. Black explained that is why we changed what we did in the agreement. Black also explained that City Inspector Banes does not have as much authority or only has certain things that he will be doing in the three mile radius. Black stated that this agreement is clear on what City Inspector Banes will be doing within the three miles unlike the old agreement.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that during the recent rains the city found out that we had a water well struck by lightning. Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores took that information to the insurance and the insurance indicated to Ruben that they felt like they were not going to cover the damage. Olson also stated that there has been some discrepancy in the insurance every time the city receives the information.

Council Member Devore asked how much it is going to be to repair the well. Interim City Administrator Olson stated he is not for sure yet but roughly \$25,000.00 for the repairs. Olson also stated that he will have more information regarding the well and insurance at the next meeting.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that we contacted the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the Federal Fund Exchange to verify total State Funds Available. Olson explained that the city is going to turn in back receipts for 2015 and 2016 chip in seal repairs, so the city can receive reimbursement for available funds of \$253,352.40.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 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