

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 10, 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 Pete Earles

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

Emergency Management Director Don Button updated the council on possible funding for the 2017 blizzard. Don stated that he worked on a preliminary assessment that was turned in to the state to see whether or not we meet a threshold for the county. If we meet the county threshold then we will be able to try for a federal declaration. He also stated that this will be an ongoing project.

Emergency Management Director Don Button stated that there will be a community preparedness presentation May 11, 2017 6:30pm at the Civic Center. The community is welcome to come to help prepare them for storm related incidents.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointed the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mark Geisaking, Bill Stewart, and Verlin Shorter

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to accept the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, McCauley and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Project Change Order No. 8

City Engineer Pete Earles asked the council to table the change order until the next meeting so he had time to review the order.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to table water project change order No. 8. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, McCauley and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Pete Earles Engineering Inspection for -City 2015 Water Line Project

City Engineer Pete Earles explained to the council contract Addendum #2.

Contract Addendum #2
KPWSLF #2874

This Addenda #2 is to add additional funding for the inspection on the project in the original contract dated Feb. 24, 2015. All other parts of the original contract and Addenda #1 remain unchanged.

The normal inspection fee is figured at 15% of the construction cost. The current contract price with change orders is approximately \$1,775,000.00. So the normal upper limit fee for construction observation at 15% would be \$266,250.00. Their current stated upper limit is \$184,086.00. Their current inspection billing is at \$194,127.00 with April and May billings remaining, about \$16,000/month, and final as built drawings yet to be fully completed. They are requesting the inspection contract be increased by \$48,000 to bring the upper limit to \$232,086.00.

Mayor Battin asked Pete if the \$48,000.00 would complete the contract with Earles Engineering. Pete explained that yes it would complete the inspection of the project.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to accept the inspection contract to be increased by \$48,000 to bring the upper limit to \$232,086.00. Council Members McCauley, Devore, Velasquez, and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Expenditure Authority for City Administrator

Interim City Administrator Olson asked the council for authority to write a check for \$100.00 or less to purchase items that may not take a purchase card. Olson stated that he asked auditors how we could handle this issue, and they suggested that the council give the city administrator the ability to get a check for a certain amount before it is approved by council.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Deckert to give the city administrator the spending authority up to \$1000.00. Council Members McCauley, Duran, Velasquez, and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city crew should make it one time through town removing limbs off the street by the end of the week. Next week they are going to take a break from picking up limbs to get caught up on some other things, and then they will go back and start again.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the Ulysses Schools have helped with the tree removal in the parks. Olson also stated that we will be giving them some kind of thanks of appreciation for their help. Olson also stated that the county road and bridge has also been very helpful in loaning us equipment, and people, and also the community with all their help.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Devore thanked the city crew for a great job of cleaning up the limbs from the storm. Devore also stated that the citizens need to have patients because it is going to take time.

Council Member Deckert also thanked the city crew for doing a great job on the clean up.

Council Member McCauley stated the city is doing a great job in the clean up, and also the community in all their efforts.

Council Member Duran also thanked the city crew, county, and the residents of the city.

Council Member Warner also thanked the city crew, and stated that sometimes the worse brings out the best in people.

Council Member Velasquez also thanked the city crew.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 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