

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 24, 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, Sheila Maxfield, Richard Banes
Dave Black, and Pete Earles

Visitors: Bene Garcia, Dallas Heinitz, Lincoln Madison, Elias Anguiano,
Devin Walker, Mark Giesaking, Jeff Moyer, Victor Ayala,
Isacc, Terrazas, Claudia Ayala, Brendan Stejskal, Alan Anguiano,
and Natalie Anguiano

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Change Order No. 8

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that the increase in costs was due to having to add 400 feet of pipe throughout the project.

Description Changes:

Add 460 L.F. of 8" Water Line @ \$31.60 per L.F.= \$14,536.00
Add 1 Each Connect to Existing 4" Water Line @ \$1,200.00 per Each = \$1,200.00
Add 2 Each of Connect to Existing 8" Water Line @ \$1,450.00 per Each = \$2,900.00
Add 6" Tapping Valve, Sleeve, and Riser @ \$2,350.00 per Each = \$2,350.00

CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE:

Original Contract Price \$2,062,712.20

Previous Change Orders -(\$233,958.20)

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Contract Price Prior to this Change Order	\$1,828,754.00
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Net Increase of this Change Order	\$20,986.00
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Contract Price with all Approved Change Orders	\$1,849,740.00
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Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the water project change order No. 8. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, McCauley and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report

Matthew Medill with Dirks, Anthony & Duncan presented the 2016 audit results.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City of Ulysses are described in Note 1 to the financial statement. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the City of Ulysses during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure(s) affecting the financial statement was:

There were no statutory violations.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatement

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatement identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatement. In addition, none of the misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statement taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statement or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 19,2017

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a " second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City Of Ulysses's financial statement or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statement, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings of Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City of Ulysses's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

See Attached 2016 Audit Report

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Devore to accept the 2016 audit. Council Members Velasquez, Warner, Duran and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Plat of Third Phase of Grant Prairie Addition

City Inspector Richard Banes stated that this is a plat for phase 3 of the Grant Prairie Addition. Banes also stated that the planning commission has approved phase 3.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Warner to accept the plat of the third phase of Grant Prairie Addition. Council Members Duran, Devore, Velasquez, and Deckert voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Boy Scouts Area at Frazier Park

Jeff Moyer Assistant Scout Master for local troop 186 stated they are here tonight to explain a project that the Boy Scouts have been talking about for awhile. Moyer also stated that they would like to make this area as maintenance friendly and easy to maintain.

Frazier Park Camping/Community Area

The Frazier Park area has become one of the Ulysses most popular places for people to enjoy. Many organizations, clubs, businesses, and individuals utilize the parks amenities throughout the week and sees heavy use during the weekend.

Purpose: To develop the unused area on the east side of Frazier Lake to be used as a primitive camping area as well as a place for hosting various community events.

Location: East side of Frazier Lake between the lake and Frazier Park Road.

Goal: This project came about after our local Boy Scouts were frequenting the area as a place to camp which was close to town and offered shade, as well as access to hiking trails and other outdoor activities. This park provided a great "outdoor classroom" for the Scouts to Learn about nature, camping, and practice outdoor skills. The unused location provided and opportunity to develop an area that was somewhat "off the beaten path" and provided a more secluded camping opportunity away from the hustle and bustle of the main park area. As the Scouts talked more and more about the project it became a goal to create an area that could be used by everyone for a wide variety of activities and events.

Project Features:

- Raised tent pads
- Fire rings
- Covered community gathering area
- Ceremony area with tiered seating, fire pit and flag pole
- Seating and trash
- New trees

Moyer stated that the Boy Scouts would like to make this area as maintenance friendly and easy to maintain.

Mayor Battin stated that this will be a great project and addition to Frazier Park.

The Council had a consensus for the Frazier Park Camping/Community Area.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city crew should be done with all tree removal throughout the town. Starting on May 30th the city crew will go through town one more time to pick up the rest of the limbs.

Interim city Administrator Olson stated that he met with FEMA to see if there is going to be any money to help defray the costs of the blizzard. Olson also stated because there is going to be noticeable costs involved with the tree removal. Olson stated these are things we are going to have to take into consideration when we are working on the 2018 budget.

Interim City Administrator stated that on Sunday May 21st the police were called to a disturbance and saw some things that raised their eyebrows, so they investigated a little further found contraband that looked suspicious. As a safety precaution they contacted me, and I got a hold of the appropriate authorities to deal with any threats that could possibly do any harm. The Highway Patrol came in with their bomb unit and dealt with what we found. We did not find anything that was harmful, and the investigation continues.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert appreciated the tree limb removal.

Council Member McCauley thanked the staff for the audit, and also thanked the police for doing a great job. McCauley also thanked the Boy Scouts.

Council Member Warner thanked the city and county workers for a job well done for the tree limb removal, and also stated that the incident on Sunday was handled professionally.

Council Member Duran told the Boy Scouts that they have a great project going. He also thanked the city crew for all their hard work.

Mayor Battin thanked the Boy Scouts for coming in and stated that the city appreciates everything that you do.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member McCauley to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 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