

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 13, 2018**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Absent

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Melinda Manzano, and Dave Black

Visitors: Jen Hittle, Malarie Crane, Bob Dale, and Marieta Hauser

Council President Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council President Tim McCauley.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tigers In Action

Director of Tigers In Action Jen Hittle stated that Tigers In Action is requesting \$12,000.00 for their 2019 budget. Hittle explained that all the funds for Tigers In Action are used for students and families in Grant County from Pre-School through 12th grade. Tigers In Action's mission to assist students in achieving their goals through the community wide support. Hittle thanked the city for their continued support.

Chamber of Commerce

Director of Chamber of Commerce Marieta Hauser stated that she is here to make the Chambers annual request, and that the Chamber is requesting \$12,500.00 for the 2019 budget. The Grant County Chamber serves not only our member businesses but also the whole community through some quality of life events that make Grant County a great place to live, work and play. Some of those include: Home Products Dinner, Miss Southwest Kansas Pageant, Spring Fling, Christmas Parade of Lights, Carnival, fireworks display donations, Fall Fest, Holiday Promotions, Summer Concert Series, Legislative Coffees, and Weekly Chamber Coffees.

Director of Chamber of Commerce Marieta Hauser provided the council with a map of where the Beer Garden is going to be during the first summer concert on June 15, 2018. Hauser explained that they will only be serving beer, and they know that they can only serve the beer in cans. Hauser also explained that there will be restrooms available for the event.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that Outlaws Bar and Grill has made proper application with the State of Kansas for this special event. Olson also stated that he believes that Outlaws have completed everything for this event.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the special event permit for Outlaws Bar and Grill. Council Members Velasquez, McCauley, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Economic Development

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that Grant County Economic Development Corp. would like to request our annual funding from the City of Ulysses in the amount of \$50,000.00 for 2019.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale explained that Economic Development had two different funds. First is the economic incentive fund or the EIF this money is used strictly on projects to benefit the community, and the balance in this fund is \$477,000.00. The second fund is the operational fund which is used for everyday business, and this is the fund that we are asking the city to contribute to.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that for 2017 they budgeted \$137,508.00 for operational expenses, and the total expenditures for 2017 were \$123,352.15 just over \$18,000.00 will be deposited into the economic incentive fund. Bob explained that some of the \$18,000.00 includes other income. Bob stated that nobody wanted to spend the money out of the EIF fund because there was no way to replenish this fund. Due to cutting back on operational expenses, and using the funds that are leftover from the annual operational budget we are able build the EIF fund so we can continue to use it.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale explained that in the last five years they have used the EIF fund for loaning \$216,000.00 to local businesses, over the last 4 years they have invested \$105,000.00 in the business community in the way of grants through the business revitalization program. With a \$25,000.00 grant this year going to Ulysses Engine and Machine. They have also purchased and are developing an industrial park, and bought a dentist office.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale explained that Economic Development purchased the dentist office, because they believe this project is the biggest bang for the buck project that they have worked on, because there are no Medicare or Medicaid dental services in Ulysses. Bob stated that Geneses Health will run the clinic, and they just opened their doors on the dental clinic this week. This clinic is located in the same building as the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that Galen Pelton, Josh Sullivan, and Kasey Kruger are Economic Development Board Members that are appointed by the city. Bob also stated that if the council ever has any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact any of these board members, because they are on this board representing the city.

Director of Economic Development Bob Dale stated that on July 10, 2018 at 10:00a.m. on the court house steps there will be a sale on the Nixon property.

CMB License Golf Course

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the city is going to change the CMB license holder to Rocksann Sifuentes who is in charge of the club house.

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

Bobcat Mower Attachment

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that in the past the city has had a lease with Bobcat where the city received a new one each year. Olson explained that Bobcat no longer has this program, so the city has the bobcat and we have \$4,100.00 in the budget that the city would have spent on the new bobcat, and with that \$4,100.00 the city would like to purchase a mower deck that goes on the front it is hydraulic operated. Olson stated that this mower would help when mowing rougher terrain.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the purchase of the mower attachment for the Bobcat in the amount of \$5,198.40. Council Members Warner, McCauley, Deckert, and Guy voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Approval of Special Event Permit

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STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that we have been working on the budget, but without the auditors numbers things may change at the next meeting the auditors should be here to present the audit. Olson explained that the city is waiting on the numbers from the county which we should have by July 1st, but before that happens the city has to decide if they want to have an election to raise the mill levy higher than what we are allowed. Olson also stated that we might have to have a special meeting at some point in the budget process.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated there will be fireworks in city limits, and fishing will start June 17, 2018.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she would like Interim City Administrator Olson to check with Fire Chief John Crosby to see how he is coming on the building at Frazier Park.

Council Member Duran thanked the members on the Economic Development Board for all their hard work.

Council Member Warner thanked the individuals for their presentations regarding the 2019 budgets.

Council Member McCauley also thanked everybody for presenting their budgets and everything that they do for the city. McCauley thanked Interim City Administrator Olson for all of his hard work to make the fishing at Frazier Park possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Guy to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 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