

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 26, 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, Max Giesaking, Christine Zambon,
Mariae Flores, and Lizbeth Cedillo

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

Visitors:

Ulysses citizen Christine Zambon stated that she has been active in the community for the last 7 years, but is now moving out of town and would like to throw a block party. The party is going to be on August 11th at the public pool. Christine would also like to use the pavilion behind the park to extend the party, and to have permission to bring coolers with alcoholic beverages.

City Attorney Black stated that she might be able to get a one day license from the state to have alcohol.

City Administrator stated that Black will look into this matter and we will get back with you.

Boy Scout Max Giesaking asked the council if he could have permission to rebuild the bridge at Frazier Park to complete his Eagle Scout project. The council gave max permission to build the bridge.

Mariae Flores with the Templo Nueva Vida church at 815 N Baughman asked the council for permission to place some bouncy houses in the street for their festival of colors on August 12, 2017.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that he would speak to the neighbors surrounding the church to make sure they would be fine with the street being closed, and that he would get back with her.

Mayor Battin stated that if the neighbors are in agreement with the road being closed the council will be in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Budget Hearing

Mayor Battin opened the budget meeting, and asked if visitor had any questions or concerns.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the Budget Authority for Expenditures for 2018 is \$12,151,047.00.

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the 2018 budget. Council Members Duran, Warner, McCauley and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

FEMA Disaster Reimbursement

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that we had a meeting with FEMA regarding the snow storm that was declared a disaster on June 16, 2017. Olson also stated that FEMA has a couple of options the first one being the conventional method which they will pay 75% of the costs of certain things up to a year or longer. In this option FEMA will not pay for wages that are not overtime.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that FEMAS second option is a pilot program for debris removal. In this option the city would have 6 months to complete the clean up. The work that was completed in the first month would be reimbursed at 85%. The next 60 days would be reimbursed at 80% and the last 90 days they would pay 75%.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the amount of property damage to structures is minimal for the city so he believed that the pilot program is more stream lined for the type of situation that we dealt with.

The council agreed on the pilot program.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that she needs to know from the council which classes that they would like to attend on Saturday September 16, 2017 for the League of Municipalities Conference.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she is excited for the bridge that Max Giesaking is going to build at Frazier Park.

Council Member McCauley stated that the city crew is working hard on the street sealing.

Council Member Warner stated that he has heard from citizens that they are working fast on the streets.

Mayor Battin asked City Attorney Black if he found anything on a one day license to have alcohol in the park behind the recreation building. Black stated that it is not stated in the ordinance, but he would have to call ABC to see if she would be able to get a one day license.

City Attorney Black stated that even if the State of Kansas gives her a one day license the city council would still have to approve the license.

The council agreed on not letting Christine have alcohol in the park on August 11th 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 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