

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 9, 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, Dave Black, and Pete Earles

Visitors: Bene Garcia, Jen Hittle, Larry Calvery, Tina Wright,
and, Edie Griffin

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

Visitors:

Jen Hittle spoke on behalf of Celebration Baptist Church regarding a block party on September 6, 2017 from 4:00-9:00. They would like to have St. Mary's street blocked off during the party. The council approved St. Mary's street to be closed during the party.

South West Riders asked the council for permission to have a motorcycle ride in memory of Lee Orosco September 9, 2017. They would like police escort for the parade down main street. Council gave them permission.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Calvery Smoky Hills Public Television

Larry Calvery with Smoky Hills Public Television stated that last year the City provided the hotel rooms for the employees of Smoky Hills Public Television for the Miss Kansas Pageant , and this year they are asking the city to be a corporate sponsor.

Corporate Sponsorship Level \$1200-\$800 if Prepay

Smoky Hill's Will Provide

In return the Smoky Hills Public Television sponsorship helps cover rooms during the production will provide the following:

- 5 runs of a 20 sec spot during the television broadcast of the pageant
- 5 runs of a 20 sec spot during the online/on demand version of the pageant
- 40 runs of a 20 sec on Smoky Hills Public Television at various times between November 1, 2017 thur June 30, 2018
- Listing on Smoky Hills Public Television's website for a year
- Spot to be included on DVD version of the pageant (all spots must be meet criteria set by the FCC and PBS)

Mayor Battin stated that he would rather pay the \$600.00 that we paid last year for the rooms and not be a corporate sponsor. Battin also stated that the city has not budgeted \$800.00 for a corporate sponsorship.

Larry Calvery stated that what we could go with last year's rate \$600.00 plus \$24.40 for bed tax, but he is asking for next year if the city would be able to budget the corporate sponsorship.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the amount of \$624.40, and that next year we budget the \$800.00 for a corporate sponsorship. Council Members Duran, Velasquez, McCauley and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Engineering Inspection Water Line Project Addendum #3

City Engineer Pete Earles stated that the water project should be ending this week, but the engineering costs that we updated last time only covered us through June. So Addendum #3 will cover the rest of the engineering fees.

This addenda #3 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 and #2 remain unchanged.

The normal inspection fee is figured at 15% of the construction cost. The current contract price with change orders is approximately \$1,849,740.00. So the normal upper limit fee for construction observation at 15% would be \$277,461.00. Our current stated upper limit is \$232,086.00. Our inspection billing as of June 30th is at \$234,253.32 with July and Aug billings remaining, about \$13,000/month, and final as built drawings yet to be fully completed. We are requesting the inspection contract be increased by \$28,000.00 to bring the upper limit to \$262,086.00.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member McCauley to approve the addendum #3. Council Members Duran, Velasquez, Deckert and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1261 Water

This is an ordinance raising the monthly rates for water usage 8% starting January 1, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve ordinance 1261. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Deckert and Warner voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1262 Sanitation

This is an ordinance raising the monthly rates for sanitation 8% starting January 1, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve ordinance 1262. Council Members McCauley, Devore, Deckert and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1263 Storm Water

This is an ordinance raising the monthly rates for storm water 8% starting January 1, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Devore to approve ordinance 1263. Council Members McCauley, Duran, Deckert and Velasquez voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Ordinance 1264 Waste Water

This is an ordinance raising the monthly rates for waste water 8% starting January 1, 2018.

Motion by Council Member Devore, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve ordinance 1264. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Deckert and Duran voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Quarterly Report

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the beginning balance for April 1, 2017 was \$6,530,003.16, and the ending balance June 30, 2017 is \$6,833,584.98. Olson stated keep in mind that \$250,000.00 approximately is money that the city received for the federal fund exchange. Olson also stated that the water fund beginning balance for April is \$1,065,713.34 and June's ending balance is \$760,725.29. Olson explained this could be to the rain that we have received, causing water usage to be down.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that the sales tax was projected for \$1,000,000.00 for the year end, and we have received as of July \$893,683.03.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Administrator Olson stated recently we had an issue with the front air conditioner in city hall. There are indications of major problems with the unit it has been red flagged so the gas will not be able to be turned on until fixed. Olson stated that he would like to get bids for a new heat and air conditioning unit.

Mayor Battin suggested that we bid two new units to see if we can get a discount.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that once we get the new heat and air conditioning units the city needs to look into a new roof.

Interim City Administrator Olson stated that Dixie Senestraro address 1675 W Patterson is wanting to know if see put in a city meter would see be charged double for water usage. Olson explained that the situation is a part of her property is in the city limits and part of it is in the county.

The council agreed that if the water meter is in the county that she will have to pay double rates.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Devore stated that the fence looks good next door. It cleaned up the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner 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