

ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
March 28, 2007
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor:	Ed Wiltse
Council Members:	Pete Woods, Ann Papay, Scott Malone, John Duran, Rod Kreie, Thadd Kistler
Staff Present:	G. Vernon Newberry, Mary Smith, Alan Olson, Dave Black, Jeff Kreie, Sheila Maxfield, Antonio Cavazos, Mike Hernandez, Ross Jameson, Andrew Fort
Visitors:	Kellie Euliss, Jim Spooner, Blake Wells, Shayla Jaquez, Jeff Porter, Steve Anderson, Billy John Stewart, Gene Pflughoft, Greg Wartman, Dr. Randall Goodwin, Jessie & Merle Nickerson Jr., George Bushnell

Mayor Ed Wiltse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: The motion was made by Council Member Kreie to approve the minutes from the March 14th council meeting, the gas well reports, and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$54,980.43, seconded by Council Member Duran. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Council Member Kistler moved to approve the additions to the agenda, seconded by Council Member Woods. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Medical Insurance: Mayor Wiltse asked the City Administrator for his recommendation. Newberry recommended staying with Blue Cross since the city received a 2% decrease. He stated this is what most of the employees would prefer. Council Member Duran moved to renew the medical insurance with Blue Cross, seconded by Council Member Papay. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Michigan Street Project Update: Newberry reported the meeting on March the 26th with the property owners was well attended. The biggest concern was access to their property during construction. Tarbot plans to start construction within the next few days.

Bids for Manhole Rehabilitation: Newberry explained there were actually two bids received by the last council meeting. One was delivered by FedEx to city hall that afternoon. Since it was addressed to Ruben Flores it was put in the shops mail slot. It was then picked up and taken to the shop with the mail. When Flores found it the next morning he and Newberry immediately called both companies to let them know what happened. The bid from Mayer Specialty Services was for \$89.50 per vertical foot for 335 vertical feet per year for three years. The second bid was from Utility Maintenance Contractors for 372 vertical feet the first year at \$80.50, the second year for 331 vertical feet at \$90.50 and the third year for 320 vertical feet at \$93.50. Council Member Kreie moved to accept the low bid if it meets specks, seconded by Council Member Woods. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously. The council requested something be worked out so this doesn't happen again.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Housing Proclamation: Mayor Wiltse read the proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing month in the City of Ulysses.

Spraying Bids: Mayor Wiltse opened the bids from Sullivan Spraying and K & K Lawn Care to spray around the ponds and the shop. Sullivan's bid was for \$4,049.00 and K & K's bid was for \$4,200.00. Council Member Woods made the motion to accept the low bid from Sullivan, seconded by Council Member Kistler. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Bids for Tractor & Mower: Cornerstone Sales presented a bid for a John Deere 5425 Tractor: \$39,867.25 minus government discount of \$10,764.15 for a cost of \$29,103.10. A John Deere CX Rotary Cutter: \$13,814.00 minus government discount of \$3,729.78 for a cost of \$10,084.22. Cornerstone is allowing a trade-in of \$3,500.00 for the Case IH 585 Tractor and \$2,000.00 for the BH 2610L Rotary Cutter. Final Cost \$33,687.32. Council Member Duran moved to purchase the tractor and rotary cutter from Cornerstone Sales for \$33,687.32, seconded by Council Member Malone. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Proposals for Tree Trimming: Jeff Kreie presented two bids for trimming trees in Memorial Park and Binney Park. Arensman Services bid \$6,735.00 and Pro-Control bid \$7,900.00. Council Member Woods moved to accept the bid from Arensman for \$6,735.00, seconded by Council Member Kistler. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

CMB License for Dimitt Oil: Council Member Kreie moved to approve the CMB license for Dimitt Oil, seconded by Council Member Woods. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Vibratory Roller: Newberry reported Berry Tractor has a used vibratory roller for \$3,100.00. The roller would be used by both the street department and the water department. Council Member Woods moved to purchase the vibratory roller for \$3,100 from Berry Tractor, seconded by Council Member Duran. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Jeff Porter asked John Duran, Ann Papay, and Thadd Kistler why they voted for selling water to the ethanol plant at a dollar per thousand. Basically they felt the city had enough buffer to supply the water for three years and felt the ethanol plant would be good for the city. Council Member Papay said we all share a love of this county and it would be nice if we had a crystal ball so we could see into the future. Porter asked who is going to pay for the water acquisition. He was reminded the city has been looking for water rights long before there was talk of an ethanol plant.

Dr. Randall Goodwin said the Economic Development group helped him get his business started. He said he couldn't have done it without them. He has patients who come from as far away as Denver and Oklahoma City and they eat and spend money in this community. He said "I'm in grateful admiration for all of you sitting here and taking this."

Steve Anderson asked who should be your first priority and then answered it with; it should be this community. I don't think your doing the citizens any good and I expect better behavior from you than from Washington. Newberry stated we are capable of pumping 8,000,000 gallons a day but our reserve system isn't big enough to handle that amount of water. If the ethanol plant builds a water storage facility, this would help that problem. Council Member Malone visited with the Pratt City Administrator and they negotiated with the ethanol plant being built there for two and a half years. Council Member Woods asked what they are selling water to the ethanol plant for. Council Member Malone replied 45 cents per thousand. Council Member Malone is concerned about the

letter being open ended. Mayor Wiltse said “the letter I sent was for \$1 per thousand for three years. That’s pretty specific.”

STAFF

City Attorney Dave Black had nothing to report.

Parks/Golf Course Superintendent Jeff Kreie had nothing else to report.

Police Chief Alan Olson had nothing to report.

City Clerk Mary Smith reported the gas renditions are completed. She also told the council the copier in the front office has stopped working. Today the city received a check for \$5,112.40 from F.E.M.A. for damages during the ice storm.

City Administrator Bud Newberry received a letter from the hospital board asking the city to apply for grants to help with flood control around the hospital. The city will be checking to see if any are available.

The Chamber of Commerce fair is May the 30th through June the 3rd. Baughman Street will need to be clocked off for the one block between Central and Grant.

COUNCIL

Council Member Woods asked about the repair work on the backhoe. Newberry told him the backhoe was loading snow and slid into a dump truck.

8:27 Council Member Malone moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Duran. Mayor Wiltse called for the vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mary K. Smith
City Clerk

Edwin Wiltse
Mayor