

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 14, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Dave Black

Visitors: Olga Martinez, Matt Schonlau, Shayla Jaquez, Jared Anderson,
Crystal Wilson, and Darrel Manis,

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**.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to add resolution 19-4 to the agenda under new business. Council Members Warner, Deckert and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the amended consent agenda. Council Members Warner, Duran, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Visitors:

Citizen Matt Schonlau has a concern regarding the 19-4 resolution. Schonlau stated that the resolution does not include lot #5 in the legal description of the property, and lot #5 includes the green house. The council agreed that lot #5 needs to be added to the resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 19-4

City Administrator Olson explained that resolution 19-3 needed to be published two consecutive weeks in the Ulysses news, and that did not happen so under the advice of the city attorney Black the process must start over. Olson stated that resolution 19-4 must be voted on.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve resolution 19-4. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member Warner to resend resolution 19-4 to add the correct legal description. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to table resolution 19-4. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Community Mexican Independence Festival Shayla Jaquez

Citizen Shayla Jaquez explained how the festival has come about, and all the events that will be offered during the festival. Shayla also stated they are asking for donations from local businesses to help fund this event. The festival will be September 14, 2019 from 12:00 to 9:00p.m.

Mayor Battin stated for Shayla to get with City Administrator Olson to work out the details for the event.

Safety Incentive Program Amendment

City Administrator Olson stated that the city safety committee has proposed a new Safety Incentive Program.

Some of the changes include:

1. It is mandatory for all City of Ulysses Employees, not including the employees of Ulysses Police Department, to attend at least six safety meetings a year. If an employee does not complete the mandatory safety training for the quarter, he/she will not be eligible to receive the safety incentive for that quarter.
2. Damage to equipment or property is considered cost to the City of Ulysses in the amount of \$1,000.00 or more. Any damage to equipment or property will be considered at the discretion of City Department Heads and Administration.
3. For each City of Ulysses department without a lost-time accident and without an accident causing damage to equipment or property on a calendar quarterly basis, each eligible employee will receive \$50 in Ulysses Bucks.
4. If all City of Ulysses employees complete one year without a lost-time accident and without an accident causing damage to equipment or property, every eligible employee will receive \$150 in Ulysses Bucks.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the amended Safety Incentive Program. Council Members McCauley, Deckert and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

See copy of Amended Safety Incentive Program in Safety Manual.

Quarterly Report

City Administrator Olson stated the beginning balance for the quarter starting April 1, 2019 was \$7,824,136.77, and the ending balance for June 30, 2019 is \$8,332,694.50.

All School Reunion Request

City Administrator Olson stated he received a phone call from Mrs. Wickwar, and she is asking what the city might be able to do for the all school reunion in May 2020. During the conversation half price green fees at the golf were mentioned during the days of the event.

Council Member Warner suggested that the council table this issue so we can prepare a proposal that will explain how this event will work every five years.

City Administrator Olson stated what if we do half price green fees every memorial weekend each year.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to table the all school reunion request. Council Members McCauley, Duran and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that another water well was struck by lightning. Olson also stated that yesterday he had a meeting regarding rebuilding green number 7 at the golf course.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Guy asked the council if the city would be giving a donation for the Community Mexican Independence Festival. The consensus from the council was not at this time.

Council Member Duran stated that the city has had events come up recently, and we need to be careful how we word these situations so we do not have problems in the future.

Mayor Battin stated that the city looks good, and the city employees have been working hard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member McCauley to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Absent
Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton