

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 10, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

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

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Matt Schonlau, and Gary Boldt

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 Velasquez to add an executive session for 5 minutes to the agenda. Council Members Duran, Guy, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn to executive session for 5 minutes for non elected personnel. Council Members Duran, Guy and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Battin called the meeting back to order.

Review 2020 Budget

Utilities Increase

A 3% increase in all utility rates is suggested by City Administrator

2019 Water Rate Increase	3%
2019 Sanitation Increase	3%
2019 Sewer Increase	3%
2019 Sewer Cap Increase	3%
2019 Storm Water Increase	3%

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to increase all utility rates by 3%. Council Members Duran, Guy and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 years. Nays, none.

The rate increase will be in effect January 1, 2020.

Pay Increase

- A one percent pay increase across the board \$19,345.35
- A two percent pay increase across the board \$38,690.70
- A three percent pay increase across the board \$58,036.05
- A four percent pay increase across the board \$77,381.40

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Guy to increase pay rates by 4%. Council Members Duran, Deckert and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 years. Nays, none.

Health Increase Rates

There was an 8.10% increase for 2018 followed by a 9% increase for 2019

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to increase health insurance rate by 15%. Council Members Velasquez, Guy and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 years. Nays, none.

Property Insurance Rates

City Administrator Olson stated that for the 2020 budget he increased each departments budget to cover insurance rates.

Outside Entity Funding Request

Economic Development	\$50,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	\$14,500.00
Tigers In Action	\$10,000.00
WKCAC	\$ 5,000.00
GGCF	\$ 2,000.00

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Guy to give all outside entities the requested amount. Council Members Duran, Deckert, and McCauley, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 years. Nays, none.

Interim City Administrator stated the budget for 2020 is \$14,021,814.00 with an estimated mill levy of 44.691.

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to pass the 2020 presented budget. Council Members Guy, Deckert, and Velasquez, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 years. Nays, none.

The Budget Hearing is set for August 7, 2019 at 5:00p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that the road work at Valley View is progressing, and the street sealing seems to be going well. Olson also stated that at the next meeting he would like to present to the council some equipment that the golf course is needing.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Velasquez stated that the street crew is fast and they did a great job in front of his house.

Council Member Deckert thanked City Treasurer Sheila Maxfield for all her hard work on the budget.

Council Member McCauley thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget.

Mayor Battin also thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor John Battin

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tim McCauley

_____Absent_____
Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton