

ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
 REGULAR SESSION
 June 12, 2019

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Absent
Council Members Present:	Ken Warner, Larry Velasquez, John Duran Jerry Jo Deckert, Sam Guy and Tim McCauley
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, and Dave Black
Visitors:	Lara Tusten, Ronald Limper, Wanda Limper, Sean Mckown Malarie Crane, Marieta Hauser

Council President Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council President Tim McCauley.

Council Member John Duran led the room in Opening Prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Forte Payment Processing Agreement

Council President McCauley stated that at the last council meeting the Forte Payment Processing Agreement was discussed but tabled to the next meeting. McCauley opened this up for discussion.

Clerk Britton discussed May 2019 utility payments which included how many customers paid with cash, credit card, or ACH payment.

With some discussion between the council they agreed on Forte Payment Processing Agreement:

SimpleCity Software	
Utility billing internet bill pay third party interface (Forte Payment Systems)	\$2,500.00
Total SimpleCity Software	\$2,500.00

Professional Services

Implementation of the following will be done remotely at the rate of \$125.00 an hour:	
Utility Billing Internet Bill Pay Third Party Interface (Estimated 1-2 Hours)	Est \$500.00

Total Investment	\$3,000.00
SimplyCity Software Annual License Fee	\$300.00
SimplyCity Software Annual Product Support Agreement	\$375.00

Note: Utility Billing Internet is for taking customer initiated Credit Card payments over the internet. When logging in Customers are able to see their current bill, billing & payment history and comparative consumption and answer many of their own questions. The credit/debit card information is never entered in SimpleCity thus eliminating the exposure of someone getting credit information from the city. This solution works with a number of payment gateways. There will be additional costs from your payment gateway and merchant service provider but these costs can be passed on to your customers if desired. This solution is not related to taking credit card payments at the counter.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve the purchase of the SimpleCity software utility billing internet (Forte Payment Systems) for \$3,000.00, annual license fee \$300.00, and the annual product support agreement for \$375.00. Council Members McCauley, Warner, Velasquez, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

NEW BUSINESS

Pheasants Forever Special Event Permit

Sean Mckown with Pheasants Forever asked the council for permission to do beer Gardens for the summer series concerts the first one is on June 21, 2019 and the second one is on August 16, 2019.

Council President McCauley told Sean to get with City Administrator Olson a few days before each event to work out the details.

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the two beer gardens June 21, 2019 and August 16, 2019. Council Members McCauley, Duran, Velasquez, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Tigers In action Budget Request

Director of Tigers In Action Jen Hittle stated that Tigers In Action is requesting \$10,000.00 for their 2020, budget. Hittle explained that all the funds for Tigers In Action are used for students and families in Grant County from Pre-School through 12th grade. Tigers In Action's mission to assist students in achieving their goals through the community wide support. Hittle thanked the city for their continued support.

The council will take this into consideration during the budget process.

Chamber of Commerce Budget Request

Marieta Hauser Director of Grant County Chamber of Commerce asked the council to consider helping fund their organization again this year. Marieta stated that the \$14,500 contribution to their budget last year was greatly appreciated. This year they would like you to consider the same contribution. Marieta also stated that they have not developed their budget for 2020, it will be done in the fall, but she does expect it to be very similar to the 2019 budget with a slight increase in supply expense areas.

Marieta stated the Grant County Chamber serves not only our member businesses but also the whole community through some quality of life events that make Grant County a great place to live, work and play. Some of those include: Home Products Dinner, Miss Southwest Kansas Pageant, Spring Fling, Christmas Parade of Lights, Carnival, Fireworks display donations, Fall Fest, Holiday Promotions, Summer Concert Series, Legislative Coffees, and Weekly Chamber Coffees.

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism is an organization that is of benefit to the citizens of Grant County and we would very much appreciate your financial support again in 2020.

The council will take this into consideration during the budget process.

Discussion about the Intersection at Nebraska and Missouri

Citizens Ron and Wanda Limper presented some concerns to the council regarding the intersection at Missouri and Nebraska. The concern is not being able to see the traffic pulling out of the intersection onto Missouri, vehicles speeding, not being able to pull out of the their drive ways, and the overgrown tree at the corner of Nebraska. Ron stated that he would like the council to put in a four way stop at that intersection.

Council President McCauley stated that the city will look into removing the tree, and City Administrator Olson stated there may be a few options like a caution signs, or lowering the speed limit.

Council President McCauley stated that the city will look into these issues.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that City Engineer Pete Earles will be here tomorrow and he will look at the intersection of Nebraska and Missouri, and he is also going to bringing a full size plans of the remodel of city hall, and a cost estimate for the remodel. Olson stated that the staff and I are working on the 2020 budget.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Duran stated that Marieta Hauser and Jen Hittle are doing a great job. Duran also thanked Olson for everything that he does with the staff.

Council Member Warner thanked Marieta Hauser for starting the summer concert series to get the community involved in activities.

Council Member Velasquez stated that the yards in town are looking better than they have in a long time.

Council President McCauley thanked the council for going forward with the online payment process program, and he believes that it is something that the city needed to do for the customers. McCauley also stated that he went to the Golf Course today, everything is looking great, and he has had great feedback on the Golf Course Superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Velasquez to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 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 Larry Velasquez

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Sam Guy

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton