

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
May 22, 2019**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

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

Staff Present: Alan Olson, and Sarah Britton

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Bob Dale, and Marieta Hauser

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

Visitors:

Economic Development Director Bob Dale explained to the council the Economic Developments expenditures for 2018, the 2019 current budget, and the budget for 2020. Bob also explained to the council how they are trying to move money from the operating fund to the Economic Incentive Fund so they are able to still provide grant money to local businesses.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale gave the council a copy of the 2020 budget, and told them if they have any questions or concerns they can meet with him. Bob thanked the council for their continued support and is requesting \$50,000.00 for the 2020 budget.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale stated that on May 28, 2019 at 2:00pm he will be holding a initial community planning meeting, and all they are going to try to accomplish at this meeting is deciding if this is something we would like to do and who should be involved. This meeting will be held at the 4-H building.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce/Marieta Hauser

Chamber of Commerce Director Marieta Hauser stated she is requesting a few street closers for events coming up. The first event is for the carnival starting on May 29, through June 2, 2019, and Baughman street to Grant street will need to be closed. The other events will be the Tourism

concert summer series June 21, 2019, and August 16, 2019. Both of these events will be held at the Gazebo on Main street so all streets surrounding the Gazebo need to be closed.

Chamber of Commerce Director Marieta Hauser also stated that the Tourism Commity would like to do a Main street beatification project, and the possibility of doing some planters on Main street. Marieta stated that a business or individual could adopt a planter, and this would include twelve planters on all three intersections of Main street.

Mayor Battin stated that anything that involves flowers we probable need to have Parks Superintendent Sherrie Olson input before we make any decisions. City Olson City Administrator stated that he would visit with Sherrie and get back with the council and Marieta.

Fireworks

City Administrator Olson stated that a few meetings ago we discussed moving the fireworks display out to Frazier Park, and since then Olson has spoke with the Fire Chief and he does not feel comfortable with the area around Frazier Park at this point. Olson also spoke with Terry Mass and he is fine with doing the fireworks at same place for this year.

Forte Payment Processing Agreement

City Administrator stated that with conjunction with the new web site the city has the ability to put in place where customers can go to the website to play their water bill. Olson explained that the software program that the city uses now would also be used for the online payment process.

City Administrator Olson also explained there is two different ways customers would be able to see their billing information when paying online one being using their account number to pull up their account information and seeing the amount they owe and paying their bill. This option costing the city:

Utility Billing Internet Bill Pay Third Party Interface (Forte Payment Systems) \$2,000.00

Total SimpleCity Software **\$2,000.00**

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. \$187.50

Total Investment **\$2,187.50**

SimpleCity Software Annual License Fee \$240.00

SimpleCity Software Annual Product Support Agreement \$300.00

The second way customers would be able to see their billing information is the same way as the first option, but also with the second option the customer would not only be able to see what they owe they would also be able to see billing history and water consumption. This option would give the customer the option to see history for two years. This option costing the city:

Utility Billing-Internet (Forte Payment Systems) \$2,500.00

Implementation of the following will be done remotely at the rate of \$125.00 and hour

Utility Billing-Internet (Estimated 4 hours) Est. \$500.00

Total Investment **\$3,000.00**

SimpleCity Software Annual License Fee \$300.00

Software Annual Product Support Agreement \$375.00

Note: Utility Billing Internet is for taking customer initiate Credit Card payments over the internet. When logging in Customers are able to see their current bill, billing & payment history comparative consumption and answer many of their own questions. The credit/debit card information is never entered in SimplyCity thus eliminating the exposure of someone getting credit card 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.

Mayor Battin stated he did not believe that the extra expense for the credit cards was necessary at this time.

Council Member Warner suggested that City Clerk Britton research to see how many customers pay with check, cash, or credit cards, to help determine if the extra credit card fees would be cost effective.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Duran to table this information until the next meeting. Council Members McCauley, Velasquez, Deckert, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that he submitted a permit to KDOT for the idea of putting some LED signs at the end of Main Street. Olson also asked the council if they were okay with selling the Ford 500 city car. The council was in agreement with selling the car. Olson stated that today he received the updated city hall remodel plans, and stated to the council if they are available in the next few weeks they can come to city hall to review them.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Mayor Battin stated that everything is looking well at Frazier Park, and some youngsters are glad to be out of school because they have been speeding at Frazier Park the city needs to get on top of the speeding. Battin also stated that some of the city ordinances that we have regarding parking campers and trailers on the street need to be revisited, and maybe we need to do away with them because they are not being enforced.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 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