

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 8, 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, Sarah Britton, and Dave Black

Visitors: Lara Tusten, Kevin Shapland, Paige Kratzer,  
Fernando Rodriguez, Amber Winkler, Christy Wooley,  
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**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Visitors:**

Paige Kratzer with Farm Bureau asked the council for permission to close the 200 block of north Main on June 26, 2019 from 7:00-10:00 for an event that they will be holding. The council agreed to close the street on June 26, 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation Mental Health Awareness**

Mayor Battin read the proclamation for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Month, and proclaimed May 2019 to be Children's Mental Health Awareness Month.

Director of Compass Health spoke to the council on the importance of mental health needs of children, youth, and families today.

**Grant County Commissioners/Bore Under Patterson**

City Administrator Olson stated the last few months the city has been working with the county to help them with some water issues they have at the fairgrounds, recreation commissions property, airport, and road and bridge. Olson explained that Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores

analysis of the situation is that putting a water line across Patterson to connect to the line behind the extension office will solve the issues.

City Administrator Olson stated that the city has received a proposal from Under Ground Solutions.

We hereby propose to perform one of the following:

Road bore to install 65' of 12" steel casing. Price includes steel and fabrication	\$6,400.00
Road bore to install 65' of 8" C900. Customer will provide pipe.	\$2,275.00

Price does not include backhoe work.

City Administrator Olson stated he spoke with Public Works Superintendent Ruben Flores, and Ruben stated that he is fine with boring the line and that the steel casing is not necessary. Olson stated that the city and county have decided to do a 50/50 split on this part of the project, and this part of the project only includes getting the water line across Patterson.

County Commissioner Kevin Shapland stated that the county cannot proceed with their project until this part is completed.

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Duran to approve to go into partnership with the county to lay a new water line across Patterson. Council Members McCauley, Deckert, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

**Quarterly Report**

City Administrator Olson stated that the city's beginning balance on January 1, 2019 was \$7,331,556.17 and the ending balance on March 31, 2019 is \$7,824,136.77 for a positive difference of \$492,580.60.

**City Hall Improvements**

City Administrator Olson stated that he has a diagram that he has received from Earles Engineering for the improvements of City Hall. Olson explained to the city council the changes that would be made to city hall through the diagram.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

Council Member Guy stated someone has spent some time on the plans for the city hall remodel, and that bird watch at Frazier Park has been excellent.

Mayor Battin stated that the town is looking good, but the cut off street in front of Big R has some holes that need attention.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Duran to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton