

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
June 9, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: Ken Warner, Jerry Jo Deckert, John Duran,  
Caleb Woods, Terry Maas, and Sam Guy

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Tyson Flores, Marieta Hauser, Bob Dale,  
Margaret Obholz, Troy Unruh, Jeff Pfingsten  
Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez, and Danielle Lopez

**Mayor** Tim McCauley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Tim McCauley.

Pastor Nathan Engleman led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Visitors:**

Marieta with the Chamber of Commerce stated that Tourism will be hosting two Summer concerts one on June 18th, and the other one on August 20th with the concert starting at 8:00p.m. Marieta also stated that later in the Summer Tourism will be hosting a Christian Music Concert. More information will be coming on this event.

Marieta stated that the museum will be hosting a Thursday night jam each Thursday from 7:30 to 10:00pm on Main Street.

**OLD BUSINESS**

City Administrator Olson stated that he spoke with City Engineer Pete Earles, and he stated that his crew should start next week with the preliminary work on the water line project. Olson also stated that the quotes for materials are high at this time, so we might have to work around that.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Impact Ulysses Tobacco Free Parks Ordinance**

Margaret Obholz with Impact Ulysses stated that they are here tonight to voice their concerns about tobacco use in teenagers.

Danielle Lopez and Tyson Flores stated that they High School students, and are a part of Impact Ulysses. They spoke to the council about the activities that they have done, and are doing to help prevent underage tobacco use.

Troy Unruh with Impact Ulysses informed the council that they would like to pass an ordinance to make all parks in Ulysses tobacco free. Unruh stated that this ordinance would make the parks a safe place to play for families, kids, and students.

Mayor McCauley stated that he is personally not in favor of making the parks tobacco free. McCauley stated we are taking too many rights away from taxpaying citizens.

A concern of the Council is how would the city enforce this ordinance, because they are not interested in passing an ordinance that they cannot enforce.

Troy Unruh stated that the city would be able to enter a fine section within this ordinance to help with the enforcement.

Mayor McCauley stated that he would like some public input on this issue before passing this ordinance. This ordinance is tabled until the next meeting.

**Economic Development Budget Request**

Jeff Pfingsten the Vice President of Economic Development stated that he is here to request the 2021 disbursement amount of \$50,000.00.

There was discussion between the Council and Economic Development, regarding finances and how they are handled. The council will be requesting financial information from the Economic Development on a regular basis. At this time the council agreed to disperse \$25,000.00 of the \$50,000.00 budgeted amount.

Jeff Pfingsten stated that the Board would be able to provide any information that the city might need.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the disbursement of \$25,000.00. Council Members Duran, Guy, Woods, and Maas, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**Well Project Quote Westfield Energy, LLC**

City Administrator Olson stated that last year the city had several wells that were struck by lightning, which generated insurance claims. Olson explained that Westfield Energy has inspected all of the city's wells, and have given us a quote on how to protect the wells from lightning.

Qty	Item	Description	Price	Total
9	Surge Protector	Surge Protectors 8 -3 phase and 1 single phase units	\$1,200.00	10,800.00T
9	Labor Installation	Installation labor charge	\$795.00	7,155.00T
9	Misc. Hardware	Install/calibrateLightning Contractor Install/update grounding Material Used-high end estimate of Supplies Will only charge for items used (Cable, lugs, bolts,etc.) 2/0 cable, conduit, lugs, wiring		
10	LightProt	Lighting Contractor Unit 9 plus spare	\$800.00	8,000.00T
9	Consumables	No-Ox, Lacing, Stiff Paper, etc.	20.00	180.00T
		Sales Tax	6.50%	2,137.53
		<b>Total</b>		<b>\$35,022.53</b>

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Woods to approve to the quote from Westfield Energy LLC. Council Members Duran, Guy, Warner, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Administrator Olson stated that the City of Ulysses will be receiving \$850,163.82 from the American Recue Plan.

**COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

Council Member Woods stated that he played in a Golf Tournament at Bentwood and that the Golf Course looked great.

Council Member Maas stated to Marieta Hauser Chamber Director that the Ulysses signs coming into town look good.

Council Member Deckert stated that the city looks nice.

Council Member Warner stated that the council might need to have some continued discussion on issues from tonight's meeting.

Mayor McCauley thanked Woods for the comment on Bentwood Golf Course. McCauley stated that he will make sure that the city's appointed Economic Development Board Members attend a few council meetings. McCauley thanked the city workers for all of their hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Maas to adjourn the meeting at 6:37p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

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