

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 14, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Tim McCauley

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

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

Visitors: Marita Hauser, Janet Stewart, Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez,  
Marty Long, Bob Dale, Catherine Moyer, Robin Lenard,  
Laura Matkin, Jeri Lynn Wells, Kevin Shapland,  
Mark McGaughey, Mandy Stutzman, Jerry Stutzman, and  
Bobbi Jo Higgs

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

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

Pastor Jon Becker led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Visitors:**

Catherine Moyer with Pioneer Communications asked the council if the meeting on July 13, 2021 was formal or informal?

City Administrator Olson stated that the meeting on July 13, 2021 was a Budget Review not a Budget Hearing. Olson stated that the 2022 budget was not passed at the July 13, 2021 meeting, and that the Budget Hearing will be at a later date.

County Commissioner Mark McGaughey asked the council about the demand letter they received regarding the Law Enforcement billing, and if the council would meet together to work out an agreement.

Mayor McCauley stated that they would get with the Commissioners, but requested for it not to be an open meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Water Tower Control System Bids**

Public works Superintendent Flores stated that he received two bids for the tower control system.

#### **Don's Electric & Rewind, Inc**

Total Budgetary Cost= \$247,000.00

#### **Microcomm**

Total Budgetary Cost= \$247,110.00

Council Member Woods asked Ruben if he had warranty information on these two systems.

Ruben stated that he thought one to two years for the equipment.

City Administrator Olson stated that the water tower control system, and that water line project will be bonded.

Mayor McCauley stated that we will table the water tower control system bids until the next meeting so the council can review the warranty information.

### **Economic Development Budget Request**

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the other \$25,000.00 with the understanding that in the next 30 days that someone on the council gets with one of the city's representatives on the Economic Development Board to discuss issues the city feels needs addressed. Council Members Duran, Woods, and Deckert, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

Council Member Warner stated that at the meeting on July 13, 2021 the discussion was focused on the gas well fund, and how it was not going to be able to support Economic Development. Warner stated that the real issues are not the money, but the issues are is the city getting its money's worth, and why does the city fund Economic Development. Warner expressed that Economic Development is going to have to do a better job at educating the public, and the council on what are we getting for our dollar, and how does it work.

Warner stated that the other concern is that Economic Development has chosen not to receive an audit and the city understands that it is expensive, but as your funds and assets grow there needs to be an audit even if it is a third party audit. Warner also stated that the city is going to issue the other \$25,000.00 for this year, but for next year Economic Development needs to convince the city that we are getting our money's worth, so we can explain to the citizens why the city is funding Economic Development. Warner did express that Economic Development has done some great things to keep small businesses open in this community.

Warner also expressed his concern for Economic Development not having a web site, and how important it is in this day and age.

Council Member Woods stated he agrees with Council Member Warner, but he also believes that the city has dropped the ball to get some of the information for Economic Development.

Council Member Maas stated that at the July 13, 2021 meeting when he made the motion not to fund Economic Development it was not because he had anything against the board, it was because of the financials. Maas stated that Economic Development it is an important part of this community, and helps our community grow. Maas also stated that he supports what Council Member Warner and Woods stated.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale stated that the situation with the audit has come up several times, and I have not said anything but I am going to say it now. Economic Development was being charged \$7,000.00 of the money that the city gives them for an audit, and we came before the city, and the County Commissioners and asked if we will be required to perform an audit, and both entities stated that we do not need an audit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chamber of Commerce Budget Request**

Chamber Director Marieta Hauser introduced her Board Members. Marieta explained that the next Summer Concert Series on Main Street will be on August 20, 2021 with concert starting at 8:00p.m.

Marieta stated she is here to request her budgeted amount for \$14,500.00 for 2021, and to request the budgeted amount for 2022.

Marieta explained to the council all the events and activities that the Chamber is involved in, and also thanked the City of Ulysses for the opportunity to manage the electronic signs and receive the revenue from them. This has been a great non dues revenue source for us. Marieta thanked the city for their support.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to approve the 2022 Chamber of Commerce Budget request for \$14,500.00. Council Members Maas and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 4 yeas. Nays, none

Council Member Woods sustained from voting due to being the Chamber of Commerce board president.

**School Cross Lights**

City Superintendent Ruben Flores stated that the school cross lights on Colorado are needing replaced.

Qty	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
4	Existing School Beacon Upgrade	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
	Consists of:		
	(8) DR6-YCFB-VLA, 12" Yellow LEDs		
	(8) UKS-1452Y side-of-Pole Bracket		
	(4) S5-1 School Signs w/Mounting		
			<b>Total \$5,600.00</b>

Motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member Mass to approve the purchase of school cross lights for \$5,600. Council Members Warner, Deckert, and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS**

Council Member Mass thanked everyone for coming in and voicing their opinion for or against the topics being discussed, and the parks are looking good.

Council Member Deckert stated she echoes what Council Member Maas stated, and also stated to the visitors that they have a voice and that we want your opinions and thanked them for coming.

Council Member Woods stated that he agrees with everything stated before, and he thanked everyone that worked on the fireworks display.

Council Member Duran thanked everyone for coming, and that the city crew has done a great job sealing the streets.

Council Member Warner stated that the council still needs to address the gas well fund, and the letter that was sent to the County Commissioners needs to be addressed. Warner also stated that hopefully we can resolve some on these issues.

Council Member McCauley stated that Kansas League of Municipalities Conference will be October 8-11 in Topeka. McCauley stated that street sealing is complete, and thanked the crew for their hard work. McCauley thanked everyone for coming tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Mass, seconded by Council Member Deckert to adjourn the meeting at 5:50p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

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Mayor Tim McCauley

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Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

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Terry Maas Council Member

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Council Member Kenneth Warner

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Council Member Caleb Woods

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City Administrator Alan Olson

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City Clerk Sarah Britton