

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
June 22, 2022**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: John Duran, Sam Guy, Ken Warner
Mark Diaz, Caleb Woods, and Terry Maas

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

Visitors: Justin Hall, Nathan Engleman, Marieta Hauser
Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez, Margaret Obholz, Troy Unruh
and Mickey Baker

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

Impact Ulysses National fitness Court

Troy Unruh with Impact Ulysses explained the benefits of the fitness court, and how it would benefit the community. Troy stated that Impact Ulysses is requesting from the city materials and labor for a concrete pad for the fitness court, and a \$10,000 cash donation. Troy asked the council if they had any questions.

There was discussion between the council of pros and cons for the fitness court.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Woods for labor and materials to construct the concrete pad for the fitness court, and a \$10,000 cash donation. Council Members voting nay Guy, Duran, Mass, and Diaz. Motion declined, 2 yeas. Nays, 4

Pete Woods 300 S Joyce

The Council discussed to continue the condemnation process at 300 S Joyce.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Diaz to un-table the motion and resume the hearing date for July 13, 2022. Council Members Warner, Woods, Guy, and Duran, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

NEW BUSINESS

Mexican Independence Festival Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez

Shayla Hernandez-Jaquez stated she is requesting to close Main Street on September 10, 2022 for the Mexican Independence Festival. Shayla explained that the committee has not decided on a time yet, but she will get back with the City Administrator Olson when everything is finalized.

The Council is in agreement for the Mexican Independence Festival. Mayor McCauley stated for Shayla to meet with City Administrator Olson to work out the details when it gets closer to the festival.

Chamber of Commerce Budget Request

Chamber Director Marieta Hauser presented the Chamber Budget, and stated that the Chamber is requesting \$14,500.00 for 2023.

- 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, Spring Fling, Christmas Parade of Lights, Carnival, Fall Fest, Holiday Promotions, Legislative Coffees, and Chamber Coffees. We have been gathering donations for our 4th Fireworks display. We plan to have a summer concert in August and are working on the possibility of hosting a street dance near the end of July. We are helping promote the concerts at the Grant County Fair in July.
- We work to keep citizens aware of what is going on in the community through bulk emails, the Get Ulysses Facebook page and our website. We field calls for business referrals and for relocation packets for those contemplating a move to our community. We are often the first stop for people who are moving to Ulysses and looking for community information. We administer the Ulysses Bucks program which encourages shopping locally which benefits our community. We strive to stay informed of and involved in legislative issues that affect our community.

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 2023.

Mayor McCauley stated that the city will be working on their budget in a few weeks.

Ron Vagher Filing Management System

Enterpol Records Management System (RMS)

- It captures information on people, vehicles property, photos, and other pertinent case information.
- The ERMS is deliberately built to mirror the natural process of the investigation while ensuring important steps in the process are not missed.
- Person, Property, Warrant and Inmate data from all participating Enterpol agencies flow into a central repository for inquiry and cloning use by all other participating Enterpol Agencies.

City Administrator Olson stated that the cost to get into Enterpol Records Management System is \$19,000.00, and a continuing yearly fee of \$5,000.00. Olson explained that there are funds in the police budget to purchase this system due to cut in dispatching fees.

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to approve the purchase of the Enterpol Records Management System for \$19,000.00. Council Members Guy, Woods, Duran, and Diaz, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

City Administrator Olson stated that the Police Department is in the process of purchasing new side arms for the Police Officers. Olson explained that the Department would like to purchase 12 side arms for approximately \$9,300.00. Olson also stated that the current side arms are 20 years old.

Motion by Council Member Diaz, seconded by Council Member Maas to approve the purchase of 12 side arms for approximately \$9,300.00 Council Members Guy, Woods, Duran, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Britton stated that starting on August 1, 2022 Municipal Court will start at 3:00p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS

Council Member Woods stated that when we start reviewing the budget, we may want to build into the budget betterment of life projects for the community.

Council Member Guy stated that he thinks it is important more now than ever for the city to build a well trained, and equipped Police Department.

Council Member Duran stated that he thinks the city is making progress.

Council Member Maas stated that he agrees with Council Member Woods regarding progress in the city, but maybe in a cautious manner, and he also agrees with Council Member Guy about building a well trained and equipped Police Department.

Council Member Diaz commented on the Police Department Facebook post regarding the city ordinance on truck parking restrictions. Diaz stated that this is a great reminder for city residents.

Council Member Warner stated that funds open up July 1, 2022 for housing projects, and the council may need to have discussion regarding how we might want to get involved.

Mayor McCauley stated that the ordinance that was posted on the Police Department Facebook was just a reminder not a new ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Maas, seconded by Council Member Warner to adjourn the meeting at 6:06p.m. Motion carried, 6 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Mark Diaz

Terry Maas Council Member

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Caleb Woods

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton