

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
July 8, 2020**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Tim McCauley

Council Members Present: Tolan Seger, Ken Warner, Jerry Jo Decker
Caleb Woods, and Sam Guy

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

Visitors: Jantz Becker, and Bob Dale

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

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

Mayor Tim McCauley led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Visitors:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Sale of City Property

City Administrator Olson stated that after the city purchased the property by the city shop, there was discussion of selling the city property a block south of the old Landmark.

Economic Development Director Bob Dale stated that he might have a few developers that are interested in this property, and he would like the city to give him a chance to find a developer for this property. Bob also stated these developers may be interested in putting in rental property. Bob asked the city 60 days to have some kind of outcome.

The council was in agreement to give Bob some time.

Review 2021 Budget

City Administrator Olson stated that for the 2022 budget he would like the city to look into passing an ordinance that automatically raises the utilities a percentage each year.

Utilities Increase

A 0% increase in all utility rates is suggested by City Administrator

2021 Water Rate Increase	0%
2021 Sanitation Increase	0%
2021 Sewer Increase	0%
2021 Sewer Cap Increase	0%
2021 Storm Water Increase	0%

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Woods for no utility increase for 2021. Council Members Guy Deckert, and Seger, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Pay Increase

- A one percent pay increase across the board \$19,885.35
- A two percent pay increase across the board \$39,770.70
- A three percent pay increase across the board \$59,656.05
- A four percent pay increase across the board \$79,541.40

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Seger to increase pay rates by 4%. Council Members Warner, Woods, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Health Insurance Rates

There was a 15% increase for 2020

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Guy to increase health insurance rate by 15%. Council Members woods, Seger, and Warner, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Property Insurance Rates

City Administrator Olson stated that for the 2021 budget he increased each departments budget to cover insurance rates.

Outside Entity Funding Request

Economic Development \$50,000.00

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Woods to accept the request from Economic Development for \$50,000.00. Council Members Deckert, Seger, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Chamber of Commerce \$14,500.00

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to accept Chamber of Commerce \$14,500.00. Council Members Woods, Seger, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Tigers In Action \$ 3,000.00

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Seger to accept Tigers In Action \$3,000.00. Council Members Woods, Warner, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

WKCAC \$ 5,000.00

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Deckert to accept WKCAC \$5,000.00. Council Members Woods, Seger, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

GGCF \$ 2,000.00

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Woods to accept GGCF \$2,000.00. Council Members Warner, Seger, and Guy, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

City Administrator Olson stated the budget for 2021 is \$13,901,786.00 with an estimated mill levy of 45.684.

Motion by Council Member Warner, seconded by Council Member Seger to pass the 2021 presented budget. Council Members Guy, Deckert, and Woods, voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

The Budget Hearing is set for August 5, 2020 at 5:00p.m.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Olson stated that the leader of Boy Scouts spoke with him today about building a shelter at Frazier Park, and that the council had agreed to this a few years ago. They have the funds now and will start this project soon. Olson also stated that Sherrie the Parks Superintendent would like to cut down the cedar trees on the north side of the park, and plant some new trees.

City Administrator Olson stated that when the city passed the new fireworks ordinance the ordinance was to state that \$200.00 dollars of the permit money received payable to the city is to go to the Fire Department. Olson is requesting that the city send the Fire Department \$600.00.

The Council was in agreement with sending the Fire Department \$600.00

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Council Member Deckert stated that she was watching PBS and watched a program where they go to cities and high light the community. Deckert would like to see Ulysses on this program, and investigate on how much this would cost.

Council Member thanked everybody for their hard work on the budget.

Council Member Warner thanked the staff for their work on the budget, and thanked the Mayor for the great fireworks.

Mayor McCauley thanked the staff for their work on the budget. The Mayor also thanked the residents of Ulysses for cleaning up their fireworks after the 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Guy to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

Mayor Tim McCauley

Council Member Jerry Jo Deckert

Council Member Tolan Seger

Council Member Kenneth Warner

Council Member Sam Guy

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Caleb Woods

City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Sarah Britton