

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
November 14, 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor: John Battin

Council Members Present: Larry Velasquez, John Duran, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder, Warren Devore, Janet Stewart

Staff Present: Alan Olson, Sarah Britton, Dave Black, Danny Watson

Visitors: Tim Vick, Danny Watson, Pamela Jones, Shayla Jaquez, Kellie Euliss

Mayor John Battin called the meeting to order a 5:00 p.m.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Battin.

Pastor Gary Gregory led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

Consent Agenda:

Prior to approving the consent agenda, Interim City Administrator Alan Olson stated the amount to be paid for the building changed due to the accruing interest from the \$8,597.03 to \$8,626.47. Motion by Council Member Warren Devore, seconded by Council Member John Duran, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Old Business

Amending Fireworks Ordinance #1200

Interim City Administrator Olson provided a draft ordinance which contains changes of the sales and firing of the fireworks are the same dates; the firing of fireworks on July 2 & 3rd are allowed between 9am to 10pm and on July 4th from 9am until midnight; addition of a permit to sale fireworks; name of business; 24-hour contact number; proof of safety inspection by fire chief or designee; proof of sales tax identification and \$300 non-refundable permit fee for that retailer. The \$300 fee will go towards the fire department for their time and availability on July 2nd to July 4th.

Discussion of the restriction of the fireworks sold and fired, requirement of proof of liability and if non-profit organizations need to be exemption of the \$300 fee. Council Member Janet Stewart stated the non-profit organizations need to be eliminated from the \$300 fee, other council members agreed.

New Business

2013 Calendar

The 2013 calendar for the city and county does not show any conflicts other than the December month.

Motion by Council Member Larry Velasquez, seconded by Council Member Duran, to approve the 2013 calendar and reschedule December 2012 council meetings to be held on December 5th and December 19th. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Report

The parks report was reviewed.

Staff Comments

Interim City Administrator Olson reported the:

- shower house at Frazier Park is almost complete
- rocks are going up on the corner of Main Street and Oklahoma
- training house roof is completed
- dog pound building has been ordered and the concrete is coming along

Mr. Earl visited today and informed Olson that the City is approved to redesign the stoplight at Missouri and Oklahoma to include a right turning lane. If the council is interested, the project will cost approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Golf Course Superintendent Danny Watson stated the golf board decided to keep the 2013 fees and rates the same due to some loss of memberships. The sprinkler lines are getting installed on the backside of the hills on 14 and 16 fairways to cover up erosion and some old materials will be utilized to create double shelters for golfers.

Council Member's Comments

Council Member Stewart thanked the parks department for the wonderful job and report they received. Stewart stated that the City needs to ensure we get sales tax from outside businesses coming to Grant County.

Council Member Duran echoed Council Member Stewart compliments to the parks department and thanked the fireworks committee for working on the ordinance.

Mayor Battin shared that he and Olson participated in the Senior Interview Day coordinated by Communities in Schools. In addition, Mayor Battin informed the council members to participate in radio interviews with Olson.

Adjournment

At 5:34 p.m. Council Member Duran made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Devore. Meeting was adjourned.

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Council Member Larry Velasquez

Council Member Tim McCauley

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Council Member Janet Stewart

Council Member John Duran

Council Member Warren Devore

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson

City Clerk Margaret Perez