

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
December 19, 2012**

PRESENT:

Mayor:	John Battin
Council Members Present:	John Duran, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder, Warren Devore, Janet Stewart
Council Members Absent:	Larry Velasquez
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Dave Black, Danny Watson, Sherrie Olson, Richard Banes, Sheila Maxfield, Ruben Flores
Visitors:	John Alig, Kellie Euliss, Pam Jones, Lacie McCarter, Pete Earls

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

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

Council Member John Duran led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Council Member Tim McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Economic Development executive director, John Alig reported the following:

- Housing survey was completed in conjunction with the Buffalo Dunes Wind Project and Perry Rubart Station. Construction should begin in February or March. Alig contacted Justin Lee who is from California. Justin may know an individual who may be interested in doing this project.
- Heavy rail will be installed in Ulysses. There will be more truck traffic and strictly in the talking stage. Henry Hail, with Cimarron Valley stated within five years there will be heavy rails. It will cost \$1,000,000 per mile to build. It will run it back from Dodge City. The rail is important to us due to the industries we have in Southwest Kansas.
- Ulysses may be selected for some housing development which will provide additional rental property. Alig shared he gets asked 2-3 times per week from locals regarding rental properties.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

New Business

Department Head Updates

City Treasurer Sheila Maxfield reported the audit will be completed earlier in 2013 and is currently completing the year-end procedure, W-2's and 1099's.

Parks Superintendent Sherrie Olson stated the bathhouse is now open, they put a hardner on the concrete and sealed to make the graffiti removal easier to remove, and the sewer dumps for the

campers are postponed until more help is available. The gardens are cleared out and Christmas lights are being maintained.

Public Works Department Ruben Flores reported the crack filling is getting completed to prepare for the 2013 chip and seal. Installation of the fireflies began December 17th and should be completed within 90 days. They started on Baughman Street, installing up to 60 installations per day. The construction of the Animal Shelter will begin the first of the year after a meeting with the contractors to ensure the process is completed correctly.

Golf Course Superintendent Danny Watson recapped the year's progress which included the USGA that was in June to assist the improving the golf course condition and was pleased to hear that it's in a prime shape. The 2012 Pro Am was a success which led to the possibility of Pro Am for women in 2013. The replacement of the shed doors improved the storage of golf club member's carts. And the bridges were installed in the back nine holes. Memberships increased by five this year, and revenue increase of \$28,000. Ezequiel and Danny completed the Turf Grass Management Course from University of Georgia to further their education in the turf grass field and may continue their education. In the upcoming year, there will be a turf conference in February and mowers may be purchased. Council Member Widder suggested aqua plants for the pond to reduce algae challenges. Watson commented the fountain donated by Pioneer Electric helped a lot in irrigating the algae, Teeter looked at the filters to ensure it keeps working correctly but ultimately we need a correct filter. Pioneer Electric may donate another fountain to install near the pump station to assist in generating the water.

Building Official Richard Banes reported a house has been doing junk business and has tried to speak with the owner but has been unsuccessful in addressing the issue. The restaurant will be completed either the second or third week of January. There are a few remodels that are getting worked on. The Dollar Warehouse building that was built is looking for a tenant. Also, Daris Weibe had the digging of post holes for his fence this past week.

KLINK- Pete Earls

City Engineer Pete Earls presented an agreement for two of the following KLINK projects.

#1 KLINK Project:

Patterson and Colorado which is N from the city limits with the intent to mill the existing asphalt and put in concrete. The second piece is from Patterson to Nebraska, fixing all the cracks. The state said to get it and see what funding is available for this to determine if a contractor or City crew staff will complete the work. If the cracks do not get fixed, the cracks will promulgate from one end to the other. \$200,000 maximum from the state and is 75.5% funding by the state and 25% by the city. 2013 project can be prepared and reviewed by the state. All contracts will be bid locally.

#2 KLINK Project:

A 2014 project on K-25 from the railroad tracks south to the city limits. Milling and overlaying with concrete to eliminate rutting, major tracks, etc. Next year will be 160 on East of the city limits and complete the same thing. The state wants us to widen it a geometric improvement, widen at all intersections, have accel and decel lanes, and a shoulder. The project must begin in July 2013, ending in July 2014 which follows the State calendar year. A detour is necessary since the street must be shut down.

The state funds are already set aside. The fee proposal includes the design, survey and construction engineering of the overall project. Earls explained the overhead costs and maintenance of all documented work involved in concrete testing, documenting field notes, ensuring paid vouchers for state contractors and ensuring the appropriate funds come back to the City. The council agreed with a consensus for Pete Earls to oversee the KLINK projects.

Romero Addition, Block 1 Replat

Building Official Banes introduced the replat and stated the property which is located northeast of the cemetery is designed for house, sewer and water and there are gas lines which there can be no permanent buildings over these lines. The three strips but planning commission wanted to put two access roads. He decided to cut 60 feet from his portion to give space for roads. He is going to build for individuals to build homes or shelters for animals. They must have their own water and septic tanks. They can landscape and have animals but no building over it. They are limited to one residence per lot. The land owner anticipates people will build in move in trailers, residence. The council agreed to a consensus to approve the Romero Addition Block 1 Plat.

2013 CMB Renewals

Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses – The council had five annual CMB licenses to approve. They were approved one at a time.

They were:

- Dimitt Oil/Fuel Bar – Council Member Warren Devore motioned and Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- J & J Oil Company – Council Member Devore motioned and Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Panaderia Nuevo Leon – Council Member Devore motioned and Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pizza Hut – Council Member Duran motioned and Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Bentwood Clubhouse – Council Member Devore motioned and Council Member McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Comments

City Attorney Dave Black reported he is working with City Clerk Margaret Perez at a new collection agency. Court is done for the year; the next court date will be January 10, 2013.

City Clerk Perez reported that she was trained in completing payables for the City and has since then trained Accounts Payables Clerk, Melinda Manzano, in the initial process of collecting and organizing receipts and invoices. City Clerk Perez enters the payables into Summit. Finally, the Promise to Pay book will be revamped to eliminate customers who are utilizing the book for non-emergency purposes.

Police Chief Alan Olson reported since one police officer will be moving out of the state, he will be hiring to replace the officer. The police have always been vigilant in being present in the schools, and due to the recent Connecticut school shooting, the police have met with local school administrators to discuss security concerns.

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson provided an itemized budget for the shower house at Frazier Park. There was \$50,000 budgeted but actual cost was \$27,070.00. Since we were under budget, Interim City Administrator Olson decided to put in tubing for the possibility of future utilization of floor heat. Also, the materials were purchased for the RV stalls septic system. Regarding the gas well pumping unit, Interim City Administrator Olson reviewed the budget and reported the gas well line item in 2012 should have a remaining \$63,000 and have \$107,000 built in the 2013 reserves. Finally, the asbestos will be addressed in the 117th W Grant building and will have the owners of Red Bell Cleaners and Ulysses Laundry to see if they would like to purchase the equipment that is currently stored in the building prior to City Shop employees demolishing it.

Council Member's Comments

Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and thanked the employees for the good work they have done.

Adjournment

At 6:09 p.m. Council Member McCauley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dan Widder. Meeting was adjourned.

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