

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 8, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	John Battin
Council Members Present:	John Duran, Tim McCauley, Janet Stewart, Warren Devore & Jerry Jo Deckert
Council Members Absent:	Dan Widder
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Margaret Perez & Dave Black
Visitors:	John Alig, Kellie Euliss, Mike Gray, Marty Long, Lonnie Lee, Gary Boldt, Randy McCauley, Shayla Jaquez & Bob Dale

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

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tax Rebate Program**

John Alig, interim executive director of Economic Development and County Commissioner Marty Long were available to explain and answer questions regarding the tax rebate program. Overall, this program is focused towards new construction both commercial and residential.

Motion made by Council Member Deckert, seconded by Council Member Stewart to approve a five year rebate and five year plan. Councilmember Duran, McCauley, and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

**Golf Board Bylaws**

John Alig, who is the new chairman for the golf board, asked for the approval of the golf bylaws with the following modification: Article II, Section C, #2 : *Provide input regarding ~~the management of Bentwood Golf Course, including the clubhouse and pro-shop.~~* The council agreed to omit "the management of" as this is not the proper responsibility or role of an advisory board. A consensus was agreed to approve the golf board bylaws.

**Gun Range**

Lonnie Lee expressed interest in leasing some property owned by the City of Ulysses for a shooting range. He will open it, free of charge to the public. Lee will furnish the target holders and provide maintenance. He has looked into the liability insurance which requires each individual sign a 'Hold Harmless Sheet', have range rules and there must be a safety officer present at all times during the utilization of the gun range. Currently, Lee is becoming certified.

A clause will be included to provide a 30-day termination notice and must be given a 24-hour notice by the police department for the usage of the range. Lee and Chief of Police Olson will work out scheduling conflicts if a class is in session while the police department requests to use the range. Lee must comply with NRA restrictions. This will be an open ended lease as the City may decide to utilize the property for other purposes. This lease will have a monetary value of \$1.00.

Motion made by Council Member McCauley, seconded by Council Member Duran to enter into a \$1.00 lease agreement between Lonnie Lee and City of Ulysses. Councilmember Stewart, Deckert, and Devore voted yea. Those voting nay, none. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nays, none.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

City Clerk Perez announced the Communities in Schools Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. City Clerk Perez provided a brief explanation of the new city council notebooks and the contents. Distribution of the 2013 city directories were provided as well.

Interim City Administrator Olson announced an upcoming training by the Kansas Emergency Management Training – Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role will be in Ulysses on June 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. The Boy Scout house interior is in need of new paint and the doors need to be replaced. The City will provide the paint and will replace the doors. The budget will be provided to each council member each month as presented in their council notebooks. The electrical outlets in Memorial Park are getting worked on.

Interim City Administrator Olson attended a County Commissioners meeting with a fireworks resolution. The purpose of the resolution is to ensure the County agrees to and supports the City's fireworks ordinance. The County and City will mirror the sale of fireworks and firing of fireworks within city and county limits. Interim City Administrator Olson provided updates on the animal shelter.

Chief of Police Olson reported they are down one officer.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Council Member Stewart reported the insurance committee came to the consensus of setting the employee contribution to a percentage and agreed to leave the employer contribution percentage the same for 2013. The committee will reconvene in January 2014 to review the 2014 BCBS quotes and determine the employee/employer contribution percentage for 2014. The Senior Center praised Interim City Administrator Olson on the approach of the fireworks ordinance.

Council member Duran welcomed the reappointed John Alig and appointed Randy McCauley to the golf board. He thanked Lonnie Lee for taking over the gun range and praised the City employees.

Council member Devore commented on the budget report becoming user friendly and thanked Lonnie on the presentation.

Council member Deckert thanked Interim City Administrator Olson for removing the electrical pole at the EMS building parking lot and asked if the hole can be made.

Council member McCauley stated the animal shelter progress is good. He is happy that Lonnie Lee is providing a gun range for citizens and praised the City employees.

Mayor Battin stated he heard many good comments regarding the golf course. He reminded the council of the work day on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley to adjourn the meeting at 5:47p.m. Motion carried, 5 yeas. Nay, none.

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City Clerk Margaret Perez