

**ULYSSES CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
September 26, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	John Battin
Council Members Present:	Larry Velasquez, John Duran, Tim McCauley, Dan Widder, Janet Stewart, Warren Devore
Staff Present:	Alan Olson, Margaret Perez, Dave Black, Sherrie Olson
Visitors:	Kellie Euliss, Tom Vick, Shayla Jaquez, Warren Baldwin

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

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

Warren Baldwin led the room in **Opening Prayer**.

**Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Battin stated the agenda is changed to eliminate old business to executive session regarding a purchase of real property. Motion by Council Member John Duran, seconded by Council Member Tim McCauley, to approve the consent agenda with the changes of including executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Warren Baldwin spoke about the 2012 Rotary District Conference which will be held Ulysses this year. Also, he invited individuals to participate in the Numana food project to feed the impoverished.

**Business Agenda:**

**New Business**

**Main Street Corner's Update**

Parks Superintendent Sherrie Olson reported on the Main Street corner's lumber will be removed and since the ground had bumps, it has needed to be worked on. An individual from Hugoton will lay the donated rock and Earl Seger will design a sign of Ulysses S. Grant with a backlight for evening visual effect. The west side of the Main Street has no electrical lines and is having irrigation issues which will be addressed prior to planting grass.

**Bobcat Lease Renewal**

Interim City Administrator Alan Olson provided the 2011 and 2012 Bobcat lease agreement which includes a 2011 S650 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader with the trade in of the S650-M Skid Steer Loader bringing a total cost of \$3,111.52 for the Bobcat lease. Motion by Council Member Larry Velasquez,

seconded by Council Member McCauley, to accept the 2012 Bobcat lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Police Training House Roof**

Interim City Administrator Olson stated bids were accepted to put a metal roof on the big house located near the sewer ponds. After having the individual back out of the roof, Interim City Administrator Olson contacted the individual with the next lowest bid at the price of \$10,500. There was \$8,500 budgeted for this project and with the additional \$7,000 in the Building and Maintenance line item to move forward on this project.

Motion made by Council Member Stewart, seconded by Council Member Devore, to approve HMM Roofing and Construction to complete the project and to be paid out of the two funds in which the project was budgeted. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

#### **Purchase of Real Property**

Motion made by Council Member Duran, seconded by Council Member McCauley, to enter into executive session not to exceed four minutes to discuss purchase of real property. Motion carried unanimously.

Council entered into executive session at 5:11 p.m.

Mayor Battin declared executive session out at 5:15 p.m.

### **Staff Comments**

Tom Vick, Golf Board Chair, stated the board will begin to discuss the 2013 golf rates and fees.

City Clerk Margaret Perez reminded the Council Members of the League of Municipalities Annual Conference. The conference will be held October 6-8, 2012.

Interim City Administrator Olson reported the trees on Main Street were removed with no problems and will address other trees in which business owners have requested be removed.

### **Council Member's Comments**

Council Member Stewart stated she continues to hear complaints from individuals regarding their disapproval of removing additional Main Street trees. She stated the Council needs to encourage upset community individuals to voice their opinion to the business owners who are making a request to remove trees. Although the Council should be the ones who are the sounding board, it may encourage business owners to change their minds. Mayor Battin strongly disagreed as with the first tree that was removed this year, the business owner had to endure criticisms made directly to them and against their business, this should not happen again. The Council should make the right decisions for the community and shoulder the reactions. He continued to state that trees will not only be removed, but trees will also be planted. Council Member Stewart recommended we respond in a responsible manner and inform neighboring businesses of the removal of trees. Mayor

Battin agreed and stated community individuals should speak directly with Council Members when expressing their opinions. Mayor Battin complimented the removal of trees and it will look nice once the trees are planted.

**Adjournment**

At 5:25 p.m. Council Member McCauley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Devore. Meeting was adjourned.

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