

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers
Odessa Community Building
601 W. Main Street July 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.

Alderman Steve Lockhart	Present	Alderman Steve Wright	Present
Alderman Brian Henning	Present	Alderman Ray Harves	Present
Alderman John Carmody	Present	Alderman Mike Stevens	Present

City Staff attending: City Administrator Mickey Ary, Sid Rustman Finance Director, Paul Conway Public Works Director, Sergeant Chad Cobb, Sergeant Chris Bodenhammer, and Attorney Bob Schneiders.

Others present were: Mike & Michelle Williams, Matt Griffith KMZU, John Jackson, Police Chief Scott Newhouse, Bob Woodruff and Shawn Brown from VFW, Betty and Hannah Spaar - The Odessan.

WELCOME TO VISITORS – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –

- Approval of Minutes BOA
 - July 11, 2016 Regular SessionAlderman Henning made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Alderman Stevens. Vote was 5-0. Motion carries. Alderman Wright abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- The Williams recently purchased the property at 620 S. 9th St. There is a question as to whether the sewer at that location is able to service another home or two. They are asking for permission to use a septic system if they are not able to hook up to the sewer. Paul Conway is asking if they could hold off until the City can find out all information about the sewer. The City will be digging this week. Mr. Ary stated we should have more information by the next meeting, August 8th.
- John Jackson ~ He is asking that the City open another brush drop off site since they closed the one at the City Reservoir.

MAYOR'S REPORTS/COMMENTS –

- Mayor Couch reported on the Court of Honor and the proclamation for three Eagle Scouts. They are: Christopher Owen, Jay Grant Barnhart, and Parker Lee Watson.
- Mayor Couch congratulated Peggy Eoff for becoming certified as a Missouri Registered City Clerk.

- Mayor Couch thanked City Staff for their help with the flash flooding we had a couple of weeks ago.
- Mayor Couch recognized Doug Crews, President of the Missouri Press Association for being inducted into their Hall of Fame. Also, Hannah Spaar is being honored as one of two outstanding young journalists of the year from the Missouri Press Association.
- Mayor Couch reported the MML annual conference is coming up. It will be held at Union Station in St. Louis, on Sept 9 – 14. Please let Peggy Eoff know by August 12th, if you plan on attending.
- Mayor Couch reminded all that Puddle Jumper Days will be August 4 – 6. He thanked Bruce Whitsitt and all others who helped organize that event this year.

ALDERMEN REPORTS –

- Alderman Harves ~ Mailboxes have been moved in Centennial Hills. He congratulated Peggy Eoff.
- Alderman Lockhart ~ He has had several calls regarding closing of the burn pile.
- Alderman Carmody ~ He has also received calls on the brush pile.
- Alderman Wright ~ He thanked Project Connect. He also congratulated Peggy Eoff.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Motion – V.F.W. Fishing Derby at Lake Venita August 20, 2016 ~Bob Woodruff and Scott Brown talked about the Fishing Derby It will start at 8:00 a.m. Alderman Wright made a motion to approve the VFW Fishing Derby August 20 at Lake Venita. Motion was seconded by Alderman Henning. Vote was 6-0. Motion carries.
- Discussion – Future Use of the Odessa City Lake (Reservoir) Burn Pile ~ Alderman Wright talked about getting a tree service to help the residents of Odessa get rid of brush. Mr. Ary stated he has looked at contracting a tree service or moving the burn pile to Hughes Road by the new treatment plant. Alderman Stevens would like to make sure the closing is announced in the newsletter, City website, or by signs. This issue will be brought back to the next meeting.
- Motion – Approval for the Purchase of a Manure Spreader from Vahrenberg Implement, Inc. Higginsville MO. For \$19,640. Mr. Ary explained that City Staff and City Engineer got together and discussed spreading the sludge from the NW treatment plant in a different area. Some area property owners are interested in having it spread on their fields. A motion to approve the purchase of manure spreader for \$19,640 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Harves. Vote was 6-0. Motion carries.
- Resolution 2016-21 – A Resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreement with Konica Minolta ~ Mr. Rustman explained that this will combine the contracts we have with Konica Minolta and save us money and shorten the length of obligation. A motion to approve Resolution

2016-21 was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Vote was 6-0. Motion carries.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -

- Westside sewer ~ Reported that the bore under railroad is complete.
- SE Treatment Plant ~ Notice to proceed has been signed.
- Johnson Drive ~ Water lines are complete, work will begin on storm water.
- Westside interceptor is coming along very well and the boring under I-70 is now done. They are working on the boring under the railroad.
- Still waiting for the permit from the Corp of Engineers for the McDowell Street project. We have received verbal confirmation from SEMA, that the project has been funded at \$57,601.
- The Ritchie Brothers sale of equipment was \$21,500.
- Public Works Study has been completed. Missouri American Water ~ The City will conduct a rate analysis for all utilities as well as an independent appraisal of City assets.
- Reported a Strategic Plan delay.
- Reported that Odessa EMS has received funding to acquire 2 new heart monitors to replace the old ones.

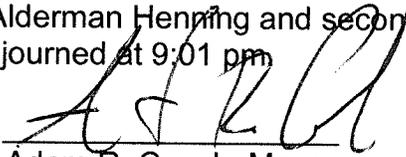
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - In compliance with RSMO 610.021 Subsection 3

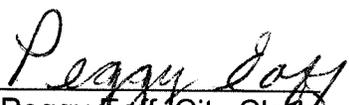
A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Voice vote was: Carmody yes, Henning yes, Harves yes, Lockhart yes, Wright yes, and Stevens yes. Closed session began at 8:01 p.m.

EMS Director Ruth Ann Dillon turned in her resignation. A motion to accept the resignation of Ruth Ann Dillon was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Voice vote was; Wright yes, Harves yes, Carmody yes, Lockhart yes, Henning yes, and Stevens yes. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion to return to open session was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Henning. Motion carries 6-0. Return to open session at 9:01 p.m.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm


Adam R. Couch, Mayor


Peggy Eoff, City Clerk