

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers  
Odessa Community Building  
601 W. Main Street Regular Meeting  
April 11, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Police Chief Scott Newhouse 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, Paul Conway Public Works Director, Sid Rustman Finance Director, Park Director Lindsey Adams, Officer Billy Hotmer and Officer Willie Stratton - Odessa Police Department, Collector Jennifer LeBlanc, and Attorney Clay Barton.

Others present were: Cinda Dowell, Fire Chief Kevin Campbell, Planning & Zoning Commissioner Marty McDermed, Elaine Barber, Matt Griffith KMZU, Jeff & Rachel LeBlanc, Pat Harves, Ben Harves, Jeff Harves, Bruce Meinershagen, and Hannah Spaar - The Odessan.

**WELCOME TO VISITORS** – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** –

- Finance Committee Report
- Purchase Card Report
- Income Statement/Balance Sheet
- A/P Monthly Check Register
- Sales Tax Report – December & January
- Approval of Minutes BOA
  - March 28, 2016 Regular Session

Finance Committee recommended approval. On a motion by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Henning, the consent agenda was approved 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

- Cinda Dowell (8580 Christy Road) ~ She encouraged the Aldermen to approve the grant for the walking trail.
- Mary Hough ~ She supports the walking trail.
- Officer William Stratton ~ He is the Secretary for Lodge 16 of the Fraternal Order of Police and represents the Odessa Police Department. They would like to

resolve the FOP contract as easily and peacefully as possible. Commented on the contract regarding the FOP.

- Officer Billy Hotmer ~ Thanked the City for the hard work and the improvements made by the Public Works Department out at the City Reservoir.
- Elaine Barber (421 S 1st St) ~ She stated it was great running for Ward 3 and she congratulated Mr. Ray Harves on his win.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORTS/COMMENTS –**

- Proclamation ~ Fair Housing Month ~ Mayor read the proclamation declaring April, 2016 as Fair Housing Month.
- Thanked Public Works and everyone else who helped clean up and make improvements to the City Reservoir.
- Congratulated the candidates who won their elections and also those who ran for their commitment to serve our community.
- Reported that the Ballot issue regarding out of state vehicle tax did not pass.
- Reported that the all of the NW Electric Tie easements have all been secured.

#### **ALDERMEN REPORTS –**

- Alderman Wright ~ He reported that he visited the reservoir and it looked great.
- Alderman Carmody ~ He thanked the Public Works Department for the repair work out at the reservoir.
- Alderman Lockhart ~ He drove out to the reservoir and hope that citizens will report any vandalism. He thanked Elaine Barber for running for Alderman. He thanked Mark Bellington for all his years of service on the Board.
- Alderman Henning ~ He thanked Mark Bellington for his work on Board.
- Alderman Bellington ~ He complimented the improvements at the reservoir. He expressed his appreciation to the residents of Ward 3 for their support. He thanked those whom he has worked with over the years.

#### **DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT –**

- EMS Monthly Report ~ Information Only
- Public Works Monthly Report ~ Information Only
- Code Compliance Monthly Report ~ Information Only
- Police Department Monthly Report ~Information Only

#### **OLD BUSINESS –** No Old Business

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- Ordinance 2915, Bill Number 2016-02 – An Ordinance of the City of Odessa Missouri Declaring the Results of the General Election Held in the City of Odessa, Missouri on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016 ~ A motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill Number 2016-02, Ordinance 2915 was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Bellington.
- A motion to approve the 2nd reading of Bill Number 2016-02, Ordinance 2915 was made by Alderman Bellington and seconded by Alderman Henning. Voice vote was: Bellington yes, Henning yes, Lockhart yes, Wright yes, Carmody yes, and Stevens yes. Motion carries.

- Bill Number 2016-03, Ordinance 2916 – An Ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, to Determine the Results of the Election of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Question, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016 ~ ~ A motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill Number 2016-03, Ordinance 2916 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens.
- A motion to approve the 2nd reading of Bill Number 2016-03, Ordinance 2916 was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Wright. Voice vote was: Bellington yes, Wright yes, Lockhart yes, Henning yes, Carmody yes, and Stevens yes. Motion carries.

#### **ADJOURN SINE DIE –**

- Oaths of Office performed by the City Clerk, Peggy Eoff:  
Collector ~ Jennifer LeBlanc  
Alderman Ward 1 ~ Steve Lockhart  
Alderman Ward 2 ~ Steve Wright  
Alderman Ward 3 ~ Ray Harves  
Mayor ~ Adam R. Couch

#### **RECONVENE –**

- A motion to reconvene was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Presentation of Service Awards - Mark Bellington ~ Mayor Couch presented a Service Award to Mark Bellington and thanked him for his many years of public service to Odessa.
- Motion to Elect Mayor Pro-Tem ~ Alderman Lockhart made a motion to nominate Alderman Steve Wight for Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion was seconded by Alderman Carmody. Vote was 5 in favor of and Alderman Wright abstained. Motion carried.
- Motion – Requesting Re-Plat of Lots 1, 2, 22, 23, & 24, Block 4, Original Town. Planning & Zoning Chairman Marty McDermed explained the re-plat request. The P & Z is recommending approval. A motion to approve the re-plat of Lots 1, 2, 22, 23, & 24, Block 4, Original Town was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Carmody. This will need to be brought back as an ordinance. All voted in favor. Motion carries 6-0.
- Resolution 2016-10 – A Resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract for Johnson Drive Project No. 0315026.01 with KAT Excavation, Inc. – A motion to approve Resolution 2016-10, was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Motion carries, 6-0.
- Resolution 2016-11 – A Resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri, for Project Resolution for the Recreational Trails Application ~ A motion to approve Resolution 2016-11 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carries 6-0.

- Bill Number 2016-04, Ordinance 2917 – An Ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, Establishing Regulations for Signage in the City of Odessa, Missouri (1<sup>st</sup> reading) – A motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill Number 2016-04, Ordinance Number 2917 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Carmody. McDermed stated this ordinance has also been reviewed by the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce. Motion fails. Alderman Wright and Carmody voted in favor of. Aldermen Lockhart, Henning and Stevens voted against. Alderman Harves abstained.
- Presentation – TEN: The Enthusiast Network/Roadkill Discussion ~ The Mayor explained this is for a drag race and this proposal has been withdrawn.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -**

- Johnson Drive Project: Met with utility providers on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The pre-construction meeting will be on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday the 13, we will have a meeting with Johnson Drive residents.
- Pre-construction meeting for the Concordia Bank was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Construction has begun.
- Reported on the work at the reservoir. He will meet with the Conservation Department on Tuesday to view progress.
- Attended the Vietnam Veterans Celebration on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Trails Regional Library.
- Reminded members about the closed session meeting on Monday the 18, at the Library.
- Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> is the EDC meeting with Chamber and Downtown Group.
- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is the NWTP Open House from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION -** In compliance with RSMO 610.021

(2)Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration;

A motion to adjourn into closed session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Harves. Voice vote was:

Henning	Yes	Stevens	Yes
Lockhart	Yes	Carmody	Yes
Harves	Yes	Wright	Yes

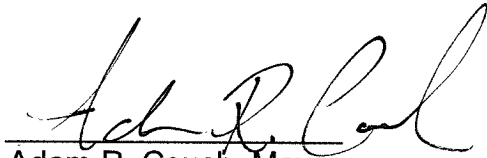
Closed session began at 7:56 p.m.

No votes were taken during closed session.

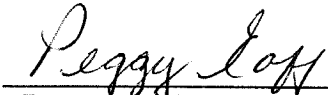
A motion to return to open session was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Henning. All voted in favor. Open session resumed at 8:33 p.m.

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**ADJOURN** – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk