

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers
Odessa Community Building
601 W. Main Street Regular Meeting
June 27, 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	Absent	Alderman Steve Wright	Present
Alderman Brian Henning	Present	Alderman Ray Harves	Present
Alderman John Carmody	Absent	Alderman Mike Stevens	Present

City Staff attending: City Administrator Mickey Ary, Sid Rustman Finance Director, Paul Conway Public Works Director, and Attorney Clay Barton.

Others present were: Charles & Elaine Barber, Paul Weeks and Brice Lockwood from Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Hannah Spaar - The Odessan.

WELCOME TO VISITORS – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –

- Approval of Minutes BOA
 - June 13, 2016 Regular Session

Alderman Wright made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Alderman Henning. Motion carries 4-0, 2 absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Rex Cook ~ He commented about the condition of W. Main Street.

MAYOR'S REPORTS/COMMENTS –

- Mayor Couch congratulated the current Board and past Board Members that have worked to bring the infrastructure/wastewater up to current standards and reported that DNR has lifted the sewer permit moratorium.
- Mayor Couch reported that the Eagle Scout project out at the reservoir is now completed.
- Mayor Couch read the Purple Heart Proclamation designating Odessa as a Purple Heart City. Paul Weeks, Senior Vice-Commander from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, presented a plaque to the Mayor.
- Mayor Couch reported he attended the rodeo and the dedication of the HFH house.

ALDERMEN REPORTS –

- Alderman Henning ~ Commented on the Rodeo and what a great time it was.

- Alderman Harves ~ Commented that the slab for the mailbox has been poured at Centennial Park.
- Alderman Stevens ~ He reported that he attended the Habitat for Humanity dedication for the house at 107 N. Russell Street.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Discussion – EMS / Police Building ~ Mr. Ary reported on the progress of the demolition of the building, and then went over the costs. He reported that the bid to remove the jail cells is \$1,781.00. If the cells are kept by the construction company, it would be done free of charge. Board members were asked to visit the building before next meeting.
- Motion – Motion to approve a purchase of a Case Tractor from Lafayette County Truck & Tractor ~ Mr. Ary stated this money was already budgeted. This tractor would be used to mow City properties. The cost is \$54,800.00. A motion to approve the purchase of the Case tractor was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Harves. Alderman Wright asked if we looked in leasing the tractor. Motion carries 4-0. 2 absent.
- Resolution 2016-19– A Resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Three Year Auditing Service with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP ~ A motion to approve Resolution 2016- 19 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Alderman Stevens stated this bid was the least expensive and staff recommended. Motion carries 4-0. 2 absent.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -

- Reported that the monthly construction meeting for Westside Sewer, Johnson Drive Projects and SE Treatment Plant will be combined into one meeting.
- Boring under I-70 is now done.
- Budget planning with Department Heads is being conducted by Finance Director, Sid Rustman.
- McDowell Street Project ~ We are waiting on Corp of Engineer permit. According to Dan Miller, permit will be ready by end of July.
- EDC Meeting was last Monday, June 20.
- Attended the Habitat for Humanity House Dedication on Sunday the 26.

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 therefor.

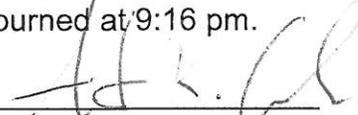
A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Voice vote was: Harves yes, Henning yes, Wright yes, and Stevens yes. Closed session began at 7:38 p.m.

At 7:43 p.m., Brian Legrand and Shawn Nichols, from American Missouri Water entered. They left at 8:46 p.m.

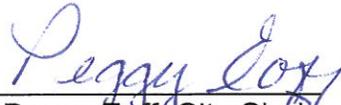
There were no votes taken during closed session.

A motion to return to open session was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Henning. Motion carries 4-0. Return to open session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Henning. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk