

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers  
Odessa Community Building  
601 W. Main Street Regular Meeting  
February 22, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Police Chief Scott Newhouse led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** – City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.  
Alderman Steve Lockhart Present      Alderman Mike Stevens Present  
Alderman Steve Wright Present      Alderman Brian Henning Present  
Alderman John Carmody Present      Alderman Mark Bellington Present

City Staff attending: City Administrator Mickey Ary, Paul Conway Public Works Director, Sid Rustman Finance Director, Police Sergeant Chris Bodenhamer and Officer Billy Hotmer Odessa Police Department, EMS Director Ruth Ann Dillon, and Attorney Clay Barton.

Others present were: Ryan Watkins, Katie Lockhart, Mary Bertram and Rachel Defor Newton, Marty McDermed, Cathy Geary, Elaine & Charles Barber, Betty Elcy, Adam & Candice Bradley, Doug Turnbough, Iliana Rosales, Rex Cook, Matt Griffith KMZU, Hannah and Betty Spaar - The Odessan.

4. **WELCOME TO VISITORS** – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.
5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** –
  - Approval of Minutes BOA
    - February 8, 2016 Regular SessionOn a motion by Alderman Bellington, seconded by Alderman Carmody, the consent agenda was approved 6-0.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** –
  - Odessa Police Department Sgt. Chris Bodenhamer ~ Request to be placed on the March 14 Agenda to discuss the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 16 contract.
  - Rex Cook (916 W. Main) ~ Talked about the potholes in the streets. He also talked about his neighbor having junk in his yard.
7. **MAYOR'S REPORTS/COMMENTS** –
  - Reported that tonight was the multi-jurisdictional active shooter training over at the 1912 building. There will be two more training sessions.
  - Thanked Odessa Downtown Inc. for inviting him and Mr. Ary to their workshop. They discussed goals for reshaping the downtown area.

- Mayor Couch informed the Board that reserve Officer Lincoln Pruitt would be late. He will be sworn in later in the meeting.
- The NW Wastewater Treatment Plant Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 am-12:00 p.m.

#### **8. ALDERMEN REPORTS –**

- Alderman Henning ~ He went to the MML Legislative Conference in Jefferson City.
- Alderman Stevens ~ He attended the EDC meeting last week and he thanked those members for their hard work. He also attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and would like to see an ordinance that in the future, new multi-family units would be required to have their own utility meters.

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

- EMS Monthly Report ~ Information Only – Mayor Couch expressed appreciation for the work EMS does.

#### **10. OLD BUSINESS –**

- EMS/Police Building Task Force ~ Alderman Bellington asked if the building at Railroad Park is unsuitable for use. Chief Newhouse stated it could be used in the future. A motion to approve Task group to work with Staff and Legal Counsel for interior demolition of Police/EMS Building was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Henning. All voted in favor. 6-0. Motion carries.
- Swearing in of Officer Lincoln Pruitt ~ City Clerk Eoff did the swearing in.
- Approval of Backup Transformer at the Northwest Plant ~ A motion to move the backup transformer to the pad was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Henning. Vote was 4 in favor, with Lockhart and Bellington voting against. Motion carries 4-2.

#### **11. NEW BUSINESS –**

- Street Closure for the Downtown Odessa “Eat in the Street” Event ~ Ryan Watkins gave a brief explanation of the event. It will be Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Time will be from 7 – 10 p.m. There will be a presentation of façade improvement grants at the end of the event. All money raised will go back to revitalize the community. Mr. Watkins requested three items to be approved.
  1. Electricity fee to be waived.
  2. Closure of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from W. Main to Dryden Street and Mason Street alley to alley.
  3. Ordinance prohibiting alcohol consumption on public property, Ch. 2 Section 2.106, to be suspended for event pending approval of liquor permit.
 A motion approve the three requests from Downtown Odessa was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Vote was 5-1 with Alderman Lockhart voting against. Motion carries.
- Jose Herrera – Extended Hours at the Community Building ~ Jose Herrera was not available, but Iliana Rosales explained the request. The event will be on March 27th. They would like the closing hour extended from 1 am to 3 am. A

motion to approve the request was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Motion carried 5-1, with Alderman Lockhart voting against.

- "I love Odessa" ~ Mr. Ary explained the group has so many volunteers that they are requesting to do some City projects. They would like to do some painting and improvement to the community building. They also want to clean up the cafeteria at the 1912 building. That would be their back up plan. They are asking for the City to donate \$250 for supplies for the project. Motion to approve the request with City oversight was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Motion carried. Vote was 5-1 with Alderman Lockhart voting against.

Resolution Number 2016-04 – Resolution Issuing an Extension on the Moratorium on Construction of Multi-Family Residential Units ~ A motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-04 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens. P & Z Chairman McDermed explained the reason the Commission approved this and sent it to the Board. Motion carried 6-0.

## **12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -**

- Flags have been replaced at the Community Center entrance.
- Infrared Paving machine has been sold to Ray-Tec Infrared Corp. \$30,000 over the payoff amount.
- Attended the MML Legislative Session.

## **13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION -** In compliance with RSMO 610.021

- (1) Closed Session is pursuant to Section 610.021 Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.
- (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 into closed session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Bellington. Voice vote was:

Stevens	Yes	Wright	Yes
Bellington	Yes	Lockhart	Yes
Henning	Yes	Carmody	Yes

Closed session began at 8:33.

No votes were taken during closed session.

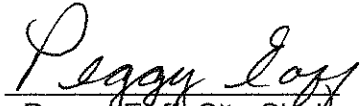
A motion to return to open session was made by Alderman Bellington and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Open session resumed at 9:32 p.m.

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**ADJOURN** – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Henning. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk