

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers
Odessa Community Building
601 W. Main Street October 27, 2016
Special Session Meeting Minutes**

PUBLIC HEARING – Request for Citizens Input to resolve the Conflict of Interest Issues that may arise during the course of completing the Johnson Drive Community Development Block Grant Project ~ Freddie Wells spoke about using federal money when a relative of a Board member will benefit in a grant project. The public hearing started at 7:00p.m.

Mary Jane Adlard, Jeff LeBlanc and Jay Bailey voiced their objection to the changes. After a show of hands, Freddie Wells stated there was not a substantial vote that the decision was done intentionally and would not be seen as a conflict of interest.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL – City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.

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

City Staff attending: Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator, Dan Miller and Greg Kendall Larkin Lamp Rynearson, and Freddie Wells Grant Writer.

Others present were: Dan Stubblefield, Jay Bailey, Jeff Hoepfner, Mark Bellington, Jeff LeBlanc, Charles & Elaine Barber, Jim Watkins, Mary Jane Adlard, Betty and Hannah Spaar from the Odessan.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Discussion – City Crews to possibly do the sludge removal ~ Mr. Kendall talked about the concerns with the City removing the sludge. They received a proposal from Nutri-Jet for \$28,500. They would be able to come out next week. They also contacted Ace Pipe Cleaning and they would not be available for weeks. KAT's bid is \$41,000. Freddie Wells stated this change must be done by City procurement rules. We do not want to jeopardize the CDBG grants. This was an emergency grant and the money has to be spent within one year. It was issued January 2015. Alderman Henning made a motion to contract Nutri-Jet for \$28,500 to the remove the sludge at the SE wastewater plant, independent of the CDBG grant. Motion was seconded by Aldermen Lockhart. Alderman Stevens would like to have an overseer of the project. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS -

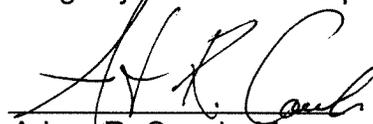
- Discussion – Johnson Drive Community Development Block Grant Project ~ Dan Miller stated this is the third time we are discussing change order # 3. The Aldermen expressed their concerns. Both Mayor Couch and Freddie Wells stated this project is a Johnson Drive drainage project, not a Main Street project. Dan

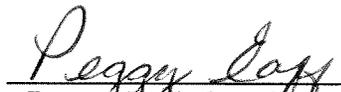
Miller stated that the additional cost for street design and curbs on the south side would be somewhere between \$60,000 to 100,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Jay Bailey commented that his ditch line is now lower than the curb and will now hold water.
- Dan Stubblefield stated the project should have made sure water went through the drop-box and not through his property. He does not understand why curbing was not included in this project.
- Dan Miller stated he would look into this to make sure it was built correctly.
- Mayor Couch asked if this curb extension is something we want to entertain. Aldermen agreed that this is something we will need to look at in the future, but should not act on at this time. Mayor Couch stated change order number 3 has been rescinded.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Harves and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.


Adam R. Couch, Mayor


Peggy Eoff, City Clerk