

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers
Odessa Community Building
601 W. Main Street December 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG ~ Johnson Drive Improvement Project past performance by the City in carrying out the City’s drainage project on Johnson Drive. Approximately 2,350 LF of curb and gutters were constructed to help control flooding and reduce backups for homes in the area. ~ Public hearing started at 6:30 p.m. Freddie Wells stated we are about finished with this project. Dan Miller explained that the total project will be completed by the end of the year. We came in about \$10,000 under projected cost of project. There is a one year warranty on this project. There will be an inspection in about 11 months so any issues may be taken care of. Public Hearing ended at 6:36 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 6:37 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: Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator, Paul Conway Public Works Director, LCSD Lieutenant Liese, Jennifer LeBlanc City Collector, Dan Miller Larkin and Greg Kendall Larkin, Lamp Rynearson, and Freddie Wells Grant Writer. Attorney Clay Barton arrived at 6:46.

Others present: Jeff LeBlanc, Dallas Martin, Joseph Sowell, Steven Cobb, Park Board President, Bryan & Rachelle Renfro, Christian Sticker, Guy Hanzel, Blane Halsey, Andrea and Tucker Starner, Melissa & Ethan Unruh, Dhiven & Dabhan Dutel, Steve Bailey & Bart Fisher KAT, Matt Griffith KZMU, and Betty and Hannah Spaar from the Odessan.

WELCOME TO VISITORS – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –

- Finance Committee Report
- Purchasing Card Report
- Income Statement/Balance Sheet
- A/P Monthly Registers
- Approval of Minutes BOA
 - November 28, 2016 Regular Session

Alderman Stevens made recommendation from the Finance Committee to accept the consent agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORTS/COMMENTS –

- Mayor reminded the Board members about the special session meeting Thursday Dec 15, at 6:30 pm located at the Trails Regional Library.

ALDERMEN REPORTS –

- Alderman Henning ~ He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Alderman Harves ~ He commented on the work on Johnson Drive. He attended the Employee Christmas dinner. He also wished all a Merry Christmas.
- Alderman Carmody ~ He asked if there was going to be a second meeting in December. Mayor stated there will be.
- Alderman Stevens ~ He drove by McDowell Street and the project looks to be almost complete. He commented on the funeral home on Main Street and would like more action taken. He talked about the sewer and water tap fees for new construction and would like to see a report about the Cities actual cost for these.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORTS –

- Public Works Department Report (Information Only)
- Monthly EMS Summary Report (Information Only)
- Code Compliance Monthly Report (Information Only) ~ Alderman Henning asked about the new code adoption process and if it would hinder new projects coming into town. Sid stated that the codes need to be updated periodically and we can adjust those to fit our town.

OLD BUSINESS – There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

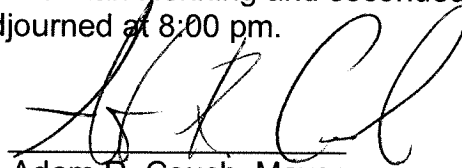
- Approval – Odessa Senior Center Mailing. A motion to approve request to send out a fundraiser insert from the Senior Citizen Center with the utility bills was made by Alderman Wrights and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carried 5-0. Alderman Henning abstaining.
- Approval – Dallas Martin~ Eagle Scout Project to put up bat houses ~ Mr. Martin would like to put up one or two bat houses at the reservoir, and one at the Park for an Eagle Scout project. This will be conducted in spring. A motion to approve the Eagle Scout project for bat houses at the reservoir was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Carmody. City will provide the posts. Motion carried 6-0.
- Appointment – Mayors Appointment of Shelli Jernigan to the Economic Development Council for a 5 year term (expires in June 2018). A motion to approve the Mayors appointment was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Henning. Motion carried 6-0.

- Discussion ~ 1912 Building/Odessa City Lake – Sid Rustman explained the financial impact these two properties have on the City. These two assets are costing the City every year for upkeep. In the last year, we have spent about \$200,000 on both of them. This is just to start a discussion on what to do with these properties. Mayor Couch stated we should ask for public feedback. The Boy Scouts met with Alderman Harves and had suggestions for uses of the 1912 building and reservoir.
- Discussion – Landlords Liability for Unpaid Utilities ~ Sid Rustman stated the City has about \$230,000 of unpaid utility bills over 120 days old. The large part of this is from the same properties over and over again. There is a State Statute that allows Cities to collect from Landlords the unpaid utility bills. There are other City ordinances that prohibit new tenants from moving into a unit that has an unpaid utility bill. Mayor directed the City Staff to draw up an ordinance.
- Discussion – South East Lagoon ~ Sid Rustman stated this was regarding the work that the City hired Nutri-jet to do. Bart Fisher stated that the plans are now different than the project was originally bid for. Greg Kendall disagreed with KAT. There has not been any work at the site since Nutri-jet left. This needs to be done by January 15, 2017. We cannot do a time extension because we are now on emergency funding. KAT is requesting direction. There will be another change order submitted.

MISCELLANEOUS – Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator ~

- Reported that Paul Conway is retiring on December 30, 2016 after 24 years of service.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk