

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL – Collector Jennifer LeBlanc called the roll.

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

City Staff attending: Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator, and LCSD Lieutenant Liese.

Others present: Jeff LeBlanc, Wayne McNeel, Kenneth Rinne, Darrel Barnes, Billy McGrath, Tim Kesemann, Mitch Knapp, Brenda Oliver, Dean Danner, Dwayne McNeel, Joyce Watkins, Judy Qualkinbush, Gerald & Carolyn Bonen, Larry Jones, Terry Singer, Justin & Terry Carter, Carroll Bertram and Nathan Sondker, Hannah Spaar from the Odessan, and others who did not sign in.

WELCOME TO VISITORS – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA –

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- Approval of Minutes BOA
 - December 12, 2016 Regular Session

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carried 5-0.

RECOGNITION – Paul Conway ~ Mayor Couch presented Paul Conway a plaque for twenty-four years of service as the Public Works Director. Paul retired this month.

ALDERMEN REPORTS –

- Alderman Henning ~ He thanked Paul for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.
- Alderman Harves ~ He thanked Paul for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.
- Alderman Lockhart ~ He also thanked Paul for his years of service and wished him well.
- Alderman Stevens ~ He thanked Paul for his service and wished him well on his retirement.
- Alderman Wright ~ He thanked Paul for his service and wished him well.
- Sid Rustman also wished Paul the best.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Tim Kesemann ~ Tim talked about the sewer issues and the grinder pump installed at his location in 2011. Mr. Kesemann stated the homeowner agreed to supply electricity and the City agreed to maintain the pumps from then on. He would like to have a written agreement to verify the original agreement. Alderman Wright commented that the City should not be responsible if homeowner flushes something wrong down the sewer. Mayor Couch says Attorneys have to review any agreement.
- Carroll Bertram ~ Talked about his rental property and was concerned about the utility bill issue.
- Nathan Soendeker ~ He is representing Mr. Bertram. Mr. Wright stated that there is no ordinance at this time. It is just a discussion.

MAYORS REPORT –

- Mayor Couch hoped all had a wonderful Christmas.
- Mayor stated the candidate for the City Administrator appointment and contract approval will be brought to the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT MANAGER'S REPORTS – There were no department reports.

OLD BUSINESS – There is no old business.

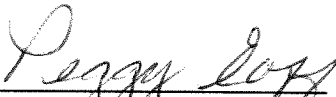
NEW BUSINESS –

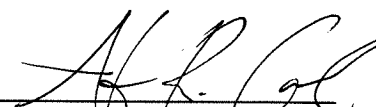
- Ordinance Number 2925, Bill Number 2016-12 - An Ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri Amending Chapter 7 Section 7.105 Violation and Penalties (1st and 2nd reading) ~ Without the presence of an Attorney, a motion to postpone Bill Number 2016-12 Ordinance 2925 until the next meeting was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Wright. Motion carries 5-0.
- Ordinance Number 2926, Bill Number 2016-13 - An Ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri Authorizing April Ballot Language for Sale of Water and Wastewater Systems ~ Without the presence of an Attorney, a motion to postpone Bill Number 2016-13 Ordinance 29256 until the next meeting was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carries 5-0.
- Discussion of Unpaid Utility Bills ~ Alderman Harves reported that the City has about \$230,000 of unpaid bills over 120 days old. Alderman Stevens stated some Cities have an ordinance addressing this but do not enforce. He suggested forming a committee, including landlords, to look at solutions to this issue. A motion to form a committee consisting of property owners and Aldermen to look for solutions to unpaid utility bills from rental properties was made by Alderman Stevens and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carries 5-0. The committee will meet on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 pm at the community building. Aldermen Wright, Stevens and Harves will be on the committee and will reach out to the landlords.

MISCELLANEOUS – Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator ~

- Mr. Rustman reported the northwest tie is in the finishing stage. Work should be done this week. We did received a \$94,009.00 grant from MPUA for the electrical part of the project.
- We received \$15,220.00 from the items the City sold at the Ritchie Brothers Auction.
- KAT has done a substantial amount of work at the southeast lagoon cleaning out the bottom in anticipation of installing the lining.
- Work on the emergency filters had been finished and will be ready for start-up by the end of the week.

ADJOURN – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.


Peggy Eoff, City Clerk


Adam R. Couch, Mayor