

**The Board of Aldermen Chambers  
Odessa Community Building  
601 W. Main Street  
January 23, 2017  
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** – 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, City Administrator Nici Wilson, Steven Cobb Park Board President, Attorney Clay Barton, Dan Miller Larkin Lamp Rynearson, and LCSD Lieutenant Liese.

Others present: Todd, Tyne, and Truman Wilson, James Keehler, Bart Fisher, Levi Irwin, Gerald Bonen, and Hannah Spaar from the Odessan.

**WELCOME TO VISITORS** – Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** –

- Approval of Minutes BOA
  - January 9, 2017 Regular Session

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

- Levi Irwin ~ He talked about the sewer back up at his mother's house at 315 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. He passed out pictures. Mayor Couch stated the City would put together a plan of action.

**MAYORS REPORT** –

- Mayor Couch thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Wright for filling in for him at the last meeting while he was in Jefferson City.
- Welcomed new City Administrator Nici Wilson.

**ALDERMEN REPORTS** –

- Alderman Henning ~ He thanked Sid Rustman for all his hard work. This is his last meeting with us.
- Alderman Harves ~ Thanked Sid and welcomed Nici. He thanked the Street Crew for their work during the ice storm.
- Alderman Lockhart ~ He thanked Sid and welcomed Nici. He would like to have more people attend the meetings.

- Alderman Carmody ~ Thanked Sid for all his work. He welcomed Nici.
- Alderman Stevens ~ Thanked Sid for his hard work, and welcomed Nici.
- Alderman Wright ~ Thanked Sid and welcomed Nici.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

- Kerry Cordray ~ 2016 MoPEP Infrastructure Grant, Missouri Public Utilities Alliance ~ He presented the City with a grant check for \$94,009 for the North West Tie Line Project.
- Resolution 2017-01 Resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to Request Extension of the Lease Agreement between the City of Odessa and the Odessa Fire and Rescue Protection District ~ A motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Motion carried 6-0.
- Discussion – SE Lagoon Drain-KAT Excavation, Inc. and Lamp Rynearson and Associate, d/b/a Larkin Lamp Rynearson ~ Sid Rustman explained that we are down to the last bit of work at the site. Bart Fisher of KAT and Dan Miller of Larkin Lamp Rynearson were on hand to explain the final procedures and details. Alderman Stevens stated whatever it takes to make it right we should do. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Sid Rustman Finance Director/Interim City Administrator ~

- North West Tie has had loads added and is working just fine.
- He appreciated all the kind words and all the help from the front office.
- City Administrator Wilson said she is looking forward to working with the City.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** - In compliance with RSMO 610.021~

(1) 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.

(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. ...As used in this subdivision, the term “personal information” means information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees:

A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Harves. Voice vote was: Henning yes, Harves yes, Carmody yes, Lockhart yes, Stevens yes, and Wright yes. Closed session began at 7:55 p.m.

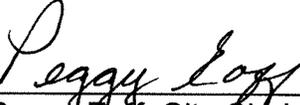
Alderman Henning made a motion to approve the appointment of Dawn Jennings to the position of Finance Director at a salary of \$50,000. Such appointment shall be

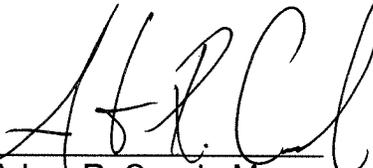
conditional upon completion of requisite drug and background screening and become effective upon the first day of employment. In addition the City waives the residency requirement per Section 6.7 of the Employee handbook. In addition, this motion shall authorize Dawn Jennings and Nici Wilson to the listing of signatories on all city bank accounts. Motion was seconded by Alderman Harves, Voice vote was: Carmody yes, Henning yes, Harves yes, Wright yes, Stevens yes, and Carmody yes. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion to return to open session was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens. Open session resumed at 8:40 p.m.

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**ADJOURN** – A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Wright and seconded by Alderman Stevens. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

  
Peggy Eoff, City Clerk

  
Adam R. Couch, Mayor