

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
November 13, 2017 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Alderman Henning to open the public hearing for the CDBG-Closeout of South East Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, seconded by Alderman Harves. Motion carried 6-0. The purpose of the hearing was stated by the Mayor and opportunity was given for comment. There were no discussions. Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Henning to close the public hearing. Motion carried 6-0. The public hearing closed at 7:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.

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

City Staff present: Nici Wilson-City Administrator, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Peggy Eoff-City Clerk, Deputy Derek Zarda-Odessa Division/Lafayette Co. Sherriff, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Keith Gibson-EMS Director, Hap Phillips-Electric Department, Kenny Snider-Wastewater Superintendent and City Attorney Joe Lauber.

Others present: Hannah Spaar-The Odessan, James Massey

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Purchasing Card Report
- Income Statement/Balance Sheet
- A/P Monthly Registers
- Approval of Minutes
 - October 23, 2017 – Regular Session
 - October 23, 2017 Closed Session (distributed to each Board Member for review prior to the meeting)
- City Administrator's Report (Info Only)

- Monthly EMS Summary Report (Info Only)
- Code Compliance Monthly Report (Info Only)
- Special Event Application- Live Nativity located at the corner of 1st and Dryden
 - Applicant: First United Methodist Church
 - December 9, 2017 – from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Massey of 102B W. Lakeview spoke of concerns of the roads. He noted one area he felt should be a priority is the entrance way to Dyer Park as many visitors utilize the park for different reasons and it doesn't give the best representation of the city. Mr. Massey further noted that beyond the park entrance, the street that needs to be a top priority is 9th Street going north from West Kirkpatrick Street to Golf Street. He added that the road is heavily traveled with buses and other school traffic and is a safety hazard.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Couch reminded that the Christmas Lighting Ceremony would be Monday November 20th at 6:30 pm.
- Mayor Couch read the Proclamation for Small Business Saturday.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Aldermen Harves, thanked city staff on the retirement reception for Delbert Palette and wondered if we had any information on the neighborhood watch signs; City Administrator Nici Wilson will follow up with Lt. Liese. He also stated that there were dining room chairs in the yard waste dumpster and suggested that the matter should be addressed in the newsletter.
- Aldermen Carmody thanked staff for putting up the holiday decorations, and stated that North Wells is in great shape.
- Alderman Stevens thanked the Odessa Faith Alliance for their work in organizing the Feed the Funnel event, where approximately fifteen thousand meals were packaged for distribution to the citizens of Lafayette County; he and his family had the privilege of volunteering for this event. He also stated that the Salvation Army is asking for volunteers for bell ringing, and stated that he would also like people to come out for the lighting ceremony to see the Upper Elementary, Middle School and High School Honor Choirs and Bands perform during the parade.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board of Aldermen.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Relocation of Sewer Lift Station

Wastewater Superintendent Kenny Snider is recommending for Board approval the relocation of the Ritchie Bros. sewer lift station to the replace the lift station at the Outlet Mall. In a memo to the Board, Snider explained that the lift station at Ritchie Bros. was taken off line when the new sewer interceptor went on line. The lift station at the Outlet Mall is one of the older stations in the system and requires more maintenance than the others. His is recommending moving the Ritchie Bros. lift station to the outlet mall and then selling the old Outlet Mall lift station. He has received a quote of \$23,804.00 for this project. The savings from the maintenance to the west digester at the SE Plant will pay for this recommendation. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Stevens. Discussion: Alderman Lockhart asked if it would an increase in size to accommodate additional users; Kenny Snider stated that it would not. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2017-24 (1st reading) – Water Connection Fees

Nici Wilson presented Bill No. 2017-24, the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, amending Chapter 5.124 Water Meter Installation and Chapter 5.125 Water Connection Fees of the City of Odessa Municipal Code of Ordinances. Wilson stated she passed out a correction to the ordinance as she was advised by the Water Superintendent in the staff meeting this morning that connections exceeding 1” are completed by the contractor on the project. The proposed new fees are based on material costs to the City to make the connection. A water tap that is less than one (1) inch would be \$660.00 versus the current charge of \$3,000. Discussion: Alderman Wright questioned why the city charges a connection fee as he believes that the fees associated with new service should be included in the rates paid by the consumer. N.Wilson added that the rates for each utility are not structured to absorb connection costs. Motion was made by Alderman Henning and seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-24. Motion carried 4-2.

Bill No. 2017-24 (2nd reading)

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Henning, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2017-24. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Lockhart no Alderman Wright no Alderman Henning aye Alderman Stevens aye. Motion carried 4-2

Bill No. 2017-25 (1st reading) – Sewer Connection Fees

Nici Wilson presented Bill No. 2017-25, the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, amending Chapter 5.129 Sewer Connection Fees of the City of Odessa Municipal Code of Ordinances. This ordinance would amend the current fee from \$2,000 to no connection charge. Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-25. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2017-25 (2nd reading)

Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Harves, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2017-25. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Wright aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Stevens aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2017-26 (1st reading) – Electric Connection Fees

Nici Wilson presented Bill No. 2017-26, the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, amending Chapter 5.314 Charge for New Electrical Installations of the City of Odessa Municipal Code of Ordinances. Wilson noted after in depth discussion regarding how the unknowns could affect the budget for the electric department the proposed ordinance sets forth the connection fee to be material costs. The average residential connection would cost \$315.00. Motion was made by Alderman Lockhart, seconded by Alderman Carmody, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-26. Motion carried 5-1.

Bill No. 2017-26 (2nd reading)


Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Stevens, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2017-26. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Lockhart yes Alderman Wright no Alderman Henning aye Alderman Stevens aye. Motion carried 5-1.

ADJOURN


There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

November 27, 2017



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk