

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
January 22, 2018 | 7:00 pm
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 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, Peggy Eoff-City Clerk, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Josh Thompson-Police Chief, Keith Gibson-EMS Director, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Kenny Snider-Wastewater Superintendent Darrin Ellison-Electric Department, Jennifer LeBlanc and City Attorney Joe Lauber.

Others present: Hannah Spaar-The Odessan, Jeff LeBlanc, Ruth Beamer, Pat Harves,

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mayor Couch welcomed visitors

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
 - January 8, 2018 – Regular Session

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Couch congratulated Leland Liese being appointed Assistant Chief of Police

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- No Aldermen reports

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation was made by Lauren Garrett with Shockey Consulting of the final report of the City's five (5) year strategic plan.

City Administrator Nici Wilson thanked the volunteers that participated on the planning committee, the City staff and elected officials. Wilson further noted that the process was a successful collaborative effort that gives the City guidance and direction in the coming years of community priorities.

Bill No. 2018-02 (1st reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-02, the proposed ordinance calling for the General Municipal Election on April 3, 2018 to elect municipal officers, and providing for notice to the general public as required by law.

Motion way made by Alderman Henning, Seconded by wright to approve bill no. 2018-02 first reading. Motion carried 6-0

Bill No 2018-02 (2nd reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-02, the proposed ordinance calling for the General Municipal Election on April 3, 2018 to elect municipal officers, and providing for notice to the general public as required by law.

Motion way made by Alderman Harves Seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve bill no. 2018-02 second reading. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Wright aye. Motion Carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2018-03 (1st reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-03, the proposed ordinance calling an election in the City of Odessa for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a proposition for the levy of an additional twenty five cents (\$0.25) per hundred dollars assessed valuation of real property for general municipal purposes including street repair and maintenance.; authorizing the City Clerk to give notice of the election; and prescribing the form of notice of the election and the form of ballot to be used therefor. Mayor Couch thanked the staff for their efforts in preparing the information. This is the next step in making big strides to bring significant attention to the streets of Odessa. It was noted that while no one likes additional taxes, the overall yearly effect per household is within reason and would give the City the resources it needs to put the street improvement plan in place.

Motion way made by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman-Stevens- to approve bill no. 2018-03 first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No 2018-03 (2nd reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-03, the proposed ordinance calling an election in the City of Odessa for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City a

proposition for the levy of an additional twenty five cents (\$0.25) per hundred dollars assessed valuation of real property for general municipal purposes including street repair and maintenance; authorizing the City Clerk to give notice of the election; and prescribing the form of notice of the election and the form of ballot to be used therefor. Motion way made by Alderman Stevens seconded by Alderman Henning to approve bill no. 2018-03 seconded reading. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Wright aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2018-04 (1st Reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-04, the proposed ordinance imposing a use tax for general revenue purpose at a rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City. Any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMO; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the city for their approval at the general election called and to be held in the city on April 3, 2018.

CA Wilson gave a quick summary of what the use tax is and how it's applied to certain purchases. Wilson further noted that the voters of the cities of Higginsville and Lexington approved the use tax in the August 2017 election and that locally, Blue Springs, Independence, Liberty and Belton are placing it on the April 2018 ballot as well. Motion way made by Alderman Stevens seconded by Alderman Wright to approve bill no. 2018-04 first reading. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No 2018-04 (2nd reading)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-04, the proposed ordinance imposing a use tax for general revenue purpose at a rate of two and one-half percent (2.5%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City. Any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMO; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the city for their approval at the general election called and to be held in the city on April 3, 2018.

Motion way made by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Henning to approve bill no. 2018-04 second reading. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Wright aye. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen in open session, motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Harves to move the meeting into closed session at 7:27 pm pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) for legal actions, causes of action or litigation. Vote as follows: Alderman Wright aye Alderman

Stevens aye Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Harves
aye Alderman Lockhart aye. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:31 pm. The Mayor, Alderman Wright, Alderman Stevens
Alderman Henning, Alderman Harves, Alderman Lockhart, Alderman Carmody, Attorney
Joe Lauber, Nici Wilson, Peggy Eoff, Dawn Jennings, Chief Thompson, and Kenny
Snyder were present during the closed session.

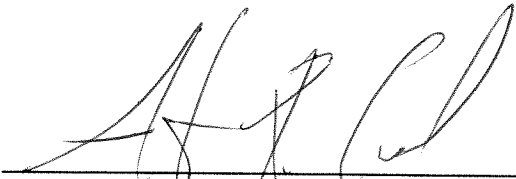
Motion was made to return to open session at 7:44 pm by Alderman Henning seconded
by Alderman Stevens. Vote as follows: Alderman Henning aye Alderman Lockhart
aye Alderman Wright aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Harves aye
Alderman Carmody aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

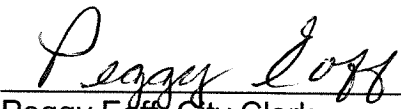
There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was
made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to adjourn the meeting at
7:45 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

February 12, 2018



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk