

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
March 12, 2018, 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 Adam Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Administrator Nici Wilson called the roll.

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| Mayor Adam Couch | Present | | |
| Alderman John Carmody | Absent | Alderman Brian Henning | Present |
| Alderman Ray Harves | Present | Alderman Steve Wright | Present |
| Alderman Steve Lockhart | Absent | Alderman Mike Stevens | Present |

City Staff present: Nici Wilson-City Administrator, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Josh Thompson-Police Chief, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Kenny Snider-Wastewater Superintendent, Darrin Ellison-Electric Department, and Assistant City Attorney Joe Lauber

Others present: Hannah Spaar-The Odessan, Mickey Starr, Tracy Dyer, Steve Cobb, Rachel Newton-Downtown Odessa, Inc. Don Quick, Cary Sayre and Dennis Mason-Allstate Consultants

Alderman John Carmody arrived at 7:09 pm.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mayor Adam Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Purchasing Card Report

Income Statement/Balance Sheet

A/P Monthly Registers

Approval of Minutes

- February 26, 2018 – Regular Session
- February 26, 2018 – Work Session

City Administrator's Report (Info Only)

Police Department Report (Info Only)

Monthly EMS Summary Report (Info Only)

Code Compliance Monthly Report (Info Only)

Special Event Application – Music in the Street
Submitted by: First Christian Church (Greg Mather)
Location: 224 W. Dryden Street
Date: June 16, 2018

Request: Street closure from the driveway of the Senior Center to the corner of the east side of 3rd/Dryden

Special Event Application – Odessa Faith Alliance fundraiser
Submitted by: Odessa Faith Alliance (Don Quick)
Location: Community Building at Dyer Park
Date: April 21, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Request: Waiver of Community Building rental fee

Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Verlan Stockton, 204 E Marion – Addressed the Board of Aldermen regarding the ordinances allowing open burning in the City. Mr. Stockton indicated that last Sunday that his neighbor was burning a shed in her backyard and due to the smoke suffered an asthma attack. He further noted that Fire and EMS crews had been dispatched to the scene, and while there the Paramedics noticed he had labored breathing. They offered treatment on the scene and offered transport to an emergency facility. Mr. Stockton refused transport. He indicated he wanted a report on file, but didn't know he would get a bill. Mr. Stockton told the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he received a \$250.00 bill even though he didn't call the ambulance. City Administrator Wilson noted that when a report is filed it automatically generates a bill, however upon an earlier conversation with EMS Director Gibson, the bill is going to be written off and the medical billing company has been notified. It was further noted that the resident was cited as the burning of unnatural material is not authorized under the current ordinances. Mr. Stockton noted he would like something done about the outdoor burning, Mayor Couch said that it would be up to the Board if they wanted to approve an ordinance regulating or banning outdoor burning.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Couch reminded everyone of the City wide cleanup in conjunction with the I Love Odessa event on Saturday, March 17th. Dumpsters will be available at the park from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for electronic waste and larger household items. Volunteers will be available to assist in unloading large items. Residents will also be allowed to drop off brush and natural vegetation at the City's Northwest waste water treatment plant (7174 Hughes Road) from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. It was further noted that brush left curbside would be picked up by City crews on Monday morning. They will make one pass down every street so residents must have their brush at the curb by 8:00 am.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Stevens – Thanked everyone involved that put up the new playground equipment. He noted it is being used by neighborhood families.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-08 – Proposed Resolution for the implementation of the City of Odessa Employee Handbook

City Administrator Nici Wilson presented the amendments to the handbook following discussion at the previous meetings. Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve Resolution 2018-08. Motion carried 4 to 1. Alderman Henning opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Tracy Dyer Lafayette County Commission (½ cent Sales Tax Renewal)

Tracy Dyer distributed an informational flyer regarding the tax renewal and reiterated this is not a new tax, but a capital improvement sales tax that has been on the books for over thirty (30) years. As in the past the renewal includes a five (5) year sunset so voters will have the opportunity to elect to renew in 2022. Commissioner Dyer explained that fifty (50%) percent of the revenue generated goes to the County Road and Bridge Department, twenty (20%) percent of the revenue is allocated for Capital Improvements and capital purchases for the County, another twenty (20%) percent goes to each of the ten (10) Special Road Districts and three (3) Common Road Districts, and the remaining ten (10%) percent of the revenue is distributed to the fifteen (15) cities in Lafayette County. In the past five (5) years, the City of Odessa has received approximately \$146,878 in revenue from this tax.

Mayor Couch thanked Commissioner Dyer for coming to the meeting and explaining the ballot measure.

Presentation by Rachel Newton – Downtown Odessa Inc.

Newton told the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Main Street America Organization is hosting their annual national conference in Kansas City beginning on Friday, March 23 through Wednesday, March 28 in Kansas City. Earlier in the winter Downtown Odessa was contacted by the Wyoming Main Street Organization indicated their plan to schedule mobile workshops for their attendees to maximize training and it was recommend that they visit Odessa. From then work began to optimize their time in Odessa and to share our story. Odessa will be there first stop then on their four (4) city tour, which will include Warrensburg, Chillicothe, and Kearney. Newton invited the Board of Aldermen to attend this event which will begin at 8:45 am on Friday, March 23, at the SomerStone Event Center with a presentation, followed by small group walker tours of downtown and then the friends from Wyoming will eat lunch and shop in downtown until around 2:00 pm. Newton added that she is looking forward to this event and hopes everyone can attend.

Resolution 2018-09 – Larkin Lamp Rynearson (VFD Settlement Statement)

Mayor Couch read Proposed Resolution 2018-09 of the City of Odessa, Missouri, in which authorizes the Mayor to execute a settlement statement and release of liability with Larkin Lamp Rynearson.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve Resolution 2018-09. Motion carried 5-0

Resolution 2018-10 – Allstate Consultants, LLC (Lagoon Closures Project)

City Administrator Nici Wilson told the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the next phase of the ongoing sewer system improvements is the lagoon closure project. The City has been working with Allstate Consultants on an amendment to the original lagoon closure plan that will be submitted to the Missouri Department Natural Resource. Upon MoDNR's approval of the amended plan, the bid for the completion of this project will be advertised.

Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Harves to approve Resolution 2018-10. Motion Carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2018-07 (1st reading) – Reappointment of Judge William Piedmonte

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-07, the proposed ordinance approving the appointment of William D. Piedmonte as the Municipal Judge and adopting a contract by and between the City of Odessa, Missouri and William D. Piedmonte for professional legal services to serve as Municipal Judge of the City.

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Henning to approve bill no. 2018-07 first reading. Motion Carried 5-0

Bill No 2018-07 (2nd reading) – Reappointment of Judge William Piedmonte

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Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Carmody to approve bill no 2018-07, second reading. Vote as follows: Alderman Wright aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Harves aye. Motion Carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2018-08 (1st reading) – Budget Approval FYE March 31, 2019

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-08, the proposed ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating the budget of the City of Odessa, Missouri, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 with provision for adjustments thereto.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Henning to approve bill no. 2018-08, first reading. Motion Carried 5-0.

Bill No 2018-08 (2nd reading) – Budget Approval FYE March 31, 2019

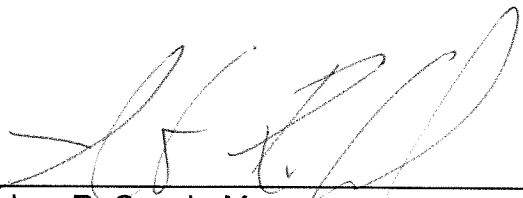
Mayor Couch read bill no. 2018-08, Proposed Ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating the budget of the City of Odessa, Missouri, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 with provision for adjustments thereto Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve bill no 2018-08, second reading. Vote as follows: Alderman Wright aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Harves aye. Motion Carried 5-0.

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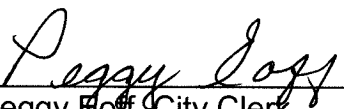
There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was made by Alderman Stevens seconded by Alderman Henning to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

April 9, 2018



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Hoff, City Clerk