

City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
February 11 2019 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Adam Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.

Mayor Adam Couch	Present		
Alderman Ray Harves	Present	Alderman Brian Henning	Absent
Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Steve Wright	Present
Alderman John Carmody	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present

City Staff present: Nici Wilson-City Administrator, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Josh Thompson-Police Chief, Kenny Snider-Wastewater Superintendent, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Keith Gibson-EMS Director, Carson Hodge-Electric Superintendent, Peter Rottgers-City Attorney

Others present: Hannah Sparr-The Odessan, Verbal Blakey-BHMG, Steve Lockhart, Nate Gifford, Aaron Martin

WELCOME

Mayor Adam Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
 - January 28 – Work Session
 - January 28 – Regular Session
 - January 28 – Closed Session **distributed to Board prior to meeting for review*
- Police Department Report
- Code Compliance Report
- EMS Report
- Special Event Application

Eat in the Street 2019

Submitted by: Downtown Odessa, Inc. – Tiffany Watkins

Date: June 1, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am (midnight)

Request: Use of Railroad Park to host Eat in the Street 2019

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Thanked the Board, staff and citizens for their patience last week when it was decided to close City offices for the inclement weather.
- Congratulated the Parks Department and the Partners for Parks for their successful reverse raffle fundraiser.
- Informed the Board that he and Nici would be in Jefferson City for a MML Legislative Conference meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Stevens thanked the Park Board, Partners for Parks and everyone who attended and donated to the Reverse Raffle that was held on Saturday night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Jenkins, 3069 Dade School Road – Addressed the Mayor and Board noting, she is one of the owners from The 64076 Bar & Grill. She explained that they applied for a liquor license five (5) weeks ago. She stated that there was some confusion in the office, and that she spoke with the Mayor on these issues. Jenkins stated that last week she requested a letter as to why she was not approved and had not received it. Jenkins indicated she was told the license was not issued based on her character. Jenkins stated that she made a call to the City Attorney's office based on a recommendation from State Liquor Control. Ms. Jenkins stated she was frustrated that she has her state and county liquor license but can't get the city license. Attorney Peter Rottgers noted that the Board of Aldermen doesn't issue the liquor license, it is handled at a staff level. City Administrator Wilson added that the correspondence from the City has been drafted and will be reviewed by legal counsel. Wilson further noted that the City cannot publicly comment and that has been shared with each member of the business due to one of the business partners indicating he had sought legal counsel and was considering litigation. Therefore, the City's communication has to be limited.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Small Engineering Assistance Program (SCEAP) Grant – Water system study

Nici Wilson noted this is a grant for the funding assistance of a water system study which was talked about in the budget work session. Wilson added that traditionally, the approval from the Board authorizing staff to make application would come with the inclusion of this project in the budget approval, however the deadline for this grant cycle is April 1, 2019. Jennings stated approval prior to the adoption of the budget would be necessary to allow staff to work with the City's engineers to complete the application. Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to authorize staff to make application for the SCEAP grant for a water system study. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Outdoor Warning System Sirens

Nici Wilson stated that we have the opportunity to purchase three (3) outdoor storm sirens at a significantly lower cost than brand new sirens. Wilson explained that these sirens will all be less than five (5) years old and will be included as part of the current maintenance plan the City has with Blue Valley Public Safety. The sirens are currently located within the footprint of a nuclear power plant that is being decommissioned. There is no longer a need for them and they are being offered for sale at a discounted rate. It is the staff's recommendation to secure three (3) sirens, one would be paid for within the current budget and the other two (2) would be included in the proposed FYE 2020 budget. Dawn Jennings added the purchase of these three (3) sirens comes recommended by Fire Chief Kevin Campbell (Emergency Management Director). Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to authorize staff to secure the purchase of the three (3) sirens.

Discussion:

- Alderman Harves asked if they would still be available if we wait until the next budget year.
 - Wilson stated that with the Board's approval of the purchase it will secure three (3) of the sirens that are less than five (5) years old and they will hold them for us until the start of the new fiscal year for the funding.
- Alderman Wright questioned if coverage would be adequate by only replacing three (3) sirens when we have four (4) sirens that are thirty-nine (39) years old?
 - Jennings stated that the four (4) that he is referring to are the antiquated sirens that do not rotate therefore they have limited coverage area. The new sirens will extend beyond their current coverage area therefore a 1:1 replacement is not necessary.
- Alderman Carmody inquired if installation was included in the price.
 - Nici Wilson noted the installation is included in the price and these new sirens are mounted on steel poles versus wooden poles that the current sirens are on.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Lease Agreement Extension (Odessa Fire and Rescue Protection District)

Proposed resolution 2019-06 authorizes the Mayor to request an extension of the lease agreement between the City of Odessa and the Odessa Fire and Rescue Protection District for the City Emergency Medical Services Department.

- Alderman Harves inquired how the upcoming ballot issue could effect this.
 - Nici commented that if the ballot initiative passes there would be negotiations and discussions amongst the two entities on the potential dates of transition. The lease situation would be a part of those discussions.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve resolution 2019-06. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn to Closed Session

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Stevens to move the meeting into closed session at 7:58 pm pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection (3) personnel. Vote as follows:

Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Carmody	yes
Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Wright	yes
Alderman Harves	yes	Alderman Henning	absent

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Couch, the Board members, and City Clerk Peggy Eoff were present during the closed session; no action was voted upon.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen in closed session, motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Harves to move the meeting back into open session at 8:21 pm. Vote as follows:

Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Stevens	yes
Alderman Wright	yes	Alderman Henning	absent
Alderman Carmody	yes	Alderman Harves	yes


Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

February 25, 2019


Adam R. Couch, Mayor


Peggy Eoff, City Clerk