

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, November 10, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan Barner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bruce Whitsitt	Present
Alderwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderwoman Donna Ehlert	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shawna Davis, City Administrator - Absent
Karen Findora, City Clerk
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director
Josh Thompson, Police Chief – Absent
Lindsey Kolisch, Lauber Municipal Law

Troy Woutzke, Electric
Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Kenny Snider, Wastewater – Absent

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan
Forest Palmer

Jenny Neel, Community Dev. Coord.
David Badgley

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- October 27, 2025 – Regular Session

Alderwoman Ehlert, moved to approve the consent agenda and the October 27, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.
Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner announced that City Hall will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. He also clarified his plan for appointing a new board member once Alderwoman Ehlert departs. He explained that Ehlert will remain on the Board through

November, and since filing begins on December 9th, he is interested in seeing who files for the upcoming general election. He mentioned that if only one person files, he will likely appoint that individual shortly after December 30th. If more than one files, he intends to let the election proceed naturally, as the people will decide, and he will find someone to fill the gap from January to March.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte stated that he enjoyed the polite trick-or-treaters that visited his neighborhood.
- Alderman Carrigan reminded everyone to check on your chickens to make sure they are warm and have plenty of food for the winter months as well as those who are elderly.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Ehlert thanked Darrin Lamb, Superintendent, Streets and Water and his crew for working hard on the streets projects to get them completed before winter.
- Alderwoman Starr – No Rpt.
- Alderman Whitsitt continues working with Terrica Jones and Tyler Wells on the food truck/downtown business collaborative.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief update on city events.
(visit the [city website](#) to hear update.)

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Introduction ~ Jenny Neel, Community Development Coordinator

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, introduced Jenny Neel, who was hired as the city's Community Development Coordinator.

Presentation ~ Planning Commission Appointment

Mayor Barner recommended David Badgley as Planning Commissioner to fill JoAnne Quigley's term.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to approve the recommendation of David Badgley as Planning Commissioner, seconded by Alderman Plachte.
Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2025-25 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ “Calling for General Election”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-25, calling for a General Election in and for the City of Odessa, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to elect municipal officers and provide notice to the general public as required by law, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to adopt Bill No. 2025-25 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2025-25 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ “Calling for General Election”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-25, calling for a General Election in and for the City of Odessa, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to elect municipal officers and provide notice to the general public as required by law, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to adopt Bill No. 2025-25 upon its second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Ehlert	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Carrigan	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2025-25 became Ordinance No. 3164

AMENDMENT ~ Resolution No. 2025-30 ~ MOU & Easement – Army Corps of Engineers

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to amend the previously approved minutes of September 22, 2025, by correcting the administrative number of the resolution that was incorrectly recorded as Resolution No. 2025-26, in that the correct sequential number for the Army Corps of Engineers resolution, which was Resolution No. 2025-26, be changed to Resolution No. 2025-30, and no further action on the Army Corps of Engineers easement that was previously approved on September 22, 2025 meeting be taken, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2025-30 ~ MOU & Easement – Army Corps of Engineers

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-30 approving the donation of an easement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Odessa, Missouri, and the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding land owned by the City of Odessa.

Discussion: Alderwoman Ehlert mentioned that the original approval on September 22nd was conditional on submitting amendments. Now, the Army Corps of Engineers has added an MOU. Alderman Whitsitt questioned the MOU, noting that three changes were included in the easement language: no defoliation, no removal, and no exploration. There is also a fourth stipulation stating that the City of Odessa will not make any improvements, which prevents the city from adding wells in the future if needed. Both Lindsey Kolisch, Lauber Municipal Law and Darrin Lamb made comments. Shawna Davis, City Administrator, had close conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers, and the board would prefer to have her comments.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to continue Resolution No. 2025-31 to a date that Shawna Davis, City Administrator, can attend, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert. Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2025-31 ~ Professional Electrical Engineering Svc.

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-31, authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services contract between the City of Odessa, Missouri, and Allgeier, Martin, and Associates Inc., for electrical engineering services on an on-call/task order basis.

Discussion: Alderman Carrigan asked if this would be the first step in a city rate study. Troy Woutzke confirmed that it is. Alderman Whitsitt inquired whether they could bring in solar energy experience, along with electric costs, street lights, and related matters.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to continue Resolution No. 2025-31 to a date that Shawna Davis, City Administrator, can attend, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert. Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2025-32 ~ The Hill Developer's Agreement

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-32, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Developer's Agreement between the City of Odessa, Missouri, and Developers, Steve and Lisa Bailey, regarding "The Hill" development project.

Discussion: Alderwoman Polson questioned the totals of the document. Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, stated there was not a developer's agreement at the beginning of the development. The city had a different interpretation of the ordinance from the owners. The city attorney has worked with the developers to come up with a mutually approved agreement to help get this project moving forward.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to approve Resolution No. 2025-32 The Hill Developer's Agreement, seconded by Aldermen Whitsitt.
Motion **FAILED** 3-Aye, 2-No, 1-Abstain.

Resolution No. 2025-33 ~ BVPS Tornado Siren Maint. Agreement

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-33, authorizing the execution of a maintenance agreement with Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. to service and repair five (5) existing storm siren.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Starr to approve Resolution No. 2025-33 BVPS Tornado Siren maintenance agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert. Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion ~ Street Plan

Darrin Lamb, Superintendent of Streets/Water, informed the board that the 2025 Street Improvement Plan has been completed. He added that they came in \$50,000 under budget and will encumber that amount to next year's budget.

Alderwoman Ehlert requested that Mr. Lamb speak to Socket about filling in the holes in the road after work has been completed.

Discussion ~ Public Safety Sales Tax

Josh Thompson, Chief of Police, presented on the public safety sales tax issue. He prepared a letter for the board, which was included in the agenda packet. He noted that he has placed informational boards in the back room that speak on the upcoming Public Safety Sales Tax. Information on the issue has been updated on the city's website, and the city encourages people to visit the site.

<https://www.cityofodessamo.com/departments/focusgroup>

Discussion ~ Strategic Plan ~ Planning

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, reviewed Planning in the newly adopted Strategic Plan. She discussed the measures of success and the action items.

Action items the staff developed:

- Update planning mechanisms, including the Comprehensive Plan, Unified Development Code, and the building code. The city is currently working on the 2012 IBC, which is outdated.
- Work has started with the Planning Commission to go through the code and make updates where needed.
- Streamlining the development process.
- Developing and implementing an economic development plan.
- Improve development relationships.
- Increase staff training to improve consistency of plan and code interpretations.

Board Suggestions:

- Focus on industry to create jobs in Odessa.

- IPDC Building Codes ~ existing building codes possibly incorporate both.
- Look at membership in the development organizations to the west that may help attract development to Odessa.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

Alderwoman Polson provided comments on why she voted the way she did on The Hill development agreement.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Alderwoman Ehlert made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:27 p.m. Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential attorney-client communication, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

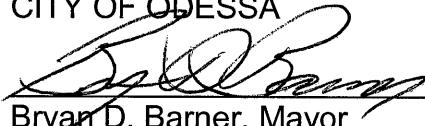
Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, seconded by Alderwoman Polson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

November 24, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA


Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST


Karen Findora, City Clerk