

City of Odessa, Missouri  
Board of Aldermen  
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street  
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, December 8, 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 Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Aldermember	Vacant
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shawna Davis, City Administrator - Absent	Troy Woutzke, Electric
Karen Findora, City Clerk	Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water - Absent
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director	Kenny Snider, Wastewater
Josh Thompson, Police Chief – Absent	
Joe Lauber, Lauber Municipal Law	

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Ben Brown, SRO
Alexis Parrott, Patrol Officer	Forest Palmer
Christy Fleeheart	Terrica Jones
Ty Bewley	John Skelton
Rachel Edkin	Katie Wallace
Ty Wells	Madline Carrigan
Topaz Baker	

**WELCOME OF VISITORS**

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

**AMEND AGENDA ~ Presentation by Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc.**

Alderman Plachte, moved to amend the agenda to add a presentation by Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc., seconded by Alderman Whitsitt.  
Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

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Alderwoman Starr, moved to approve the consent agenda and the November 24, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

## **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Barner announced that on Tuesday, December 9th, at 8:00 a.m., residents can file for the upcoming 2026 Municipal General Election. Filing will close on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Barner congratulated The Odessan on celebrating 65 years of service in the paper industry. That is a great achievement!

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Plachte – No Rpt.
- Alderman Carrigan thanked the police and utility departments for their work done on the snow storm.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr stated that she was asked when residents could remove the utility flags from their yards.
- Alderman Whitsitt congratulated The Odessan on 65 Years.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – NO DIRECTORS MEETING WAS HELD**

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

## **AMEND AGENDA ~ Presentation by Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc.**

Mr. Ty Bewley from Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. gave a brief presentation on the upcoming tree pruning in the City of Odessa.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Staff Introduction ~ Ben Brown, SRO & Alexis Parrott, Patrol Officer**

Josh Thompson, Chief of Police, introduced Ben Brown and Alexis Parrott, who were recently hired into the city's police force.

**Bill No. 2025-26 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ “Bond Redemption”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-26, approving the redemption of the city’s outstanding sewerage system revenue bonds (state revolving fund – Direct Loan Program), Series 2005, and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2025-26 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

**Bill No. 2025-26 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ “Bond Redemption”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-26, approving the redemption of the city’s outstanding sewerage system revenue bonds (state revolving fund – Direct Loan Program), Series 2005, and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan to adopt Bill No. 2025-26 upon its second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2025-25 became **Ordinance No. 3165**

**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.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-30 seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Discussion: Rachel Edkin, Real Estate Division, Army Corps of Engineers, and John Skelton, Missouri River Project Office, both attended the meeting to answer any questions the board had. There were numerous discussions back and forth, and the board leaned toward postponing the vote so that the Army Corps of Engineers, the City, and Lauber Law could review changes to the MOU and the Easement documents.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, moved to postpone Resolution No. 2025-30 indefinitely to allow staff and the Army Corp of Engineers to further address the concerns of the board, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

**Motion to Approve ~ Part-time Public Information Coordinator**

Mayor Barner requested approval to authorize the City Administrator to establish a part-time Public Information Coordinator position.

Discussion: Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief explanation of why staff is requesting a Public Information Coordinator position. One of the main reasons is the upcoming sales tax and sidewalk incentive, as well as improvements outlined in the city's strategic plan. Ms. Davis stated that this is a temporary position. Alderman Whitsitt said the person the city hires must understand that the position is temporary. It will be up to the board next year during budget season to decide whether to keep this position. The cost for this position for the remainder of this fiscal year would be \$5,000, with \$20,000 allocated from reserves for the next budget year. Alderwoman Starr stated it's well worth the expense.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, moved to approve the authorization of the City Administrator to establish a part-time Public Information Coordinator position, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 4-Aye, 1-No.

**Presentation ~ Mobile Food Vendor Summary**

Mayor Barner asked Alderman Whitsitt to meet with Terrica Jones from Downtown Collective and Ty Wells from 451 Pizza to review the Mobile Food Vendor ordinance and suggest any needed changes. There was extensive discussion on each topic. The board instructed staff to increase the 50 ft. distance from any restaurant to 100 ft. Staff will update the ordinance and bring it back to the board for a vote.

**Aldermen ~ Request for New Items**

None.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday, December 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, seconded by Alderman Plachte, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 5- Aye, 0-No.

Approved:

January 12, 2026

ATTEST

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner  
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor