

**City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, January 26, 2026 | 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

Karen Findora, City Clerk, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bruce Whitsitt	Present
Alderman Karla Polson	Present	Alderman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderman Carl Crabtree	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Amy Finch
Aaron Whited	Josiah Herman
Tom Asher	Jason Weatherman

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- January 12, 2026 – Regular Session

Alderman Whitsitt gave a brief update on the recent Finance Committee meeting. He reported that sales tax has increased by 1.45%, marking the fourth consecutive month of increases. The Finance Committee also discussed the fee schedule.

Alderman Whitsitt, moved to approve the consent agenda and the January 12, 2026, meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner thanked city staff for keeping people safe and keeping the roads cleared of snow during the recent storm.

Mayor Barner also thanked the city's newest employee, Leslie Shier, for all the community engagement notices that have been uploaded to the city's Facebook page.

Mayor Barner thanked Alderman Carl Crabtree, who was recommended by Alderman Whitsitt for sitting on the board until the next municipal election.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting. He stated that the 510 E Orchard Replat was recommended for approval, and the 8th & Mason Street Rezoning was recommended for denial.
- Alderman Carrigan thanked city staff.
- Alderwoman Polson stated that she received a few calls regarding tree trimming. She asked that staff communicate more about the process.
- Alderman Crabtree – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr – No Rpt.
- Alderman Whitsitt thanked city staff.

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 COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Rezoning / RZ-1-2026 / 8th Street & Mason / “R-1 (Single Family) to “R-2” (Two-Family) Dwelling District

Open: 6:37 p.m.

Close: 6:28 p.m.

Witnesses In Favor – None

Witnesses Opposed – None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Introductions ~ Josiah Herman, Aaron Whited, Leslie Shier

Troy Woutzke, Electric Superintendent, introduced Josiah Herman and Aaron Whited. Josiah Herman just completed his certification and is now classified as a Lineman Apprentice. Aaron Whited is a Journeyman Lineman who was a prior employee who has decided to return to the city. Shawna Davis, City Administrator, introduced Leslie Shier,

Public Information Coordinator, who is working on the city's website and other efforts to inform the public about city happenings. Welcome, Josiah, Aaron, and Leslie, to our TEAM!

Bill No. 2026-03 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-1-2026 / 8th & Mason Street

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-03, approving the Rezoning of certain property from “R-1” (Single Family) to “R-2” (Two-Family) Dwelling District, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-03 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-03 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-1-2026 / 8th & Mason Street

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-03, approving the Rezoning of certain property from “R-1” (Single Family) to “R-2” (Two-Family) Dwelling District, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-03 upon its second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	no	Alderman Carrigan	no
Alderman Whitsitt	no	Alderwoman Polson	no
Alderwoman Starr	no	Alderman Crabtree	no

Motion DENIED 0-Aye, 6-No.

Bill No. 2026-04 Introduction and 1st ~ Replat of Asher Meadows Lots 3 & 4

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-04, approving the replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh’s Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to adopt Bill No. 2026-04 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-04 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Replat of Asher Meadows Lots 3 & 4

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-04, approving the replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh’s Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-04 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	Alderman Carrigan	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Crabtree	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-04 became **Ordinance No. 3168**

Resolution No. 2026-05 ~ Mo Department of Social Services (LIHEAP)

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-05 authorizing the Mayor to execute the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) supplier agreement with City of Odessa Power and Light and the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 seconded by Alderwoman Plachte.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2026-06 ~ City of Higginsville ~ Quick Response Team

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-06 authorizing the Mayor and the Chief of Police to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Higginsville, Missouri, for the establishment of a multijurisdictional Law Enforcement Quick Response Team.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion ~ Strategic Plan – Water Supply Infrastructure

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, presented the Water Supply Infrastructure strategic plan. Alderwoman Starr asked why these issues have not been addressed in the past five or six years. Ms. Davis stated that major decisions are needed to determine the city's direction. Ms. Davis also stated that engineering work needs to be completed. Currently, this is in the CIP.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, to discuss the ECA meter rates and how they are calculated, seconded by Alderman Carrigan. Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, stated that staff is in the middle of a rate study; once that happens, she can be better prepared to discuss. Alderman Carrigan requested a discussion on ECA 101 to explain what ECA actually is.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, February 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Budget Workshop

Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Adjourn to Closed Session

Alderman Plachte made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:17 p.m. Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (3) Personnel, 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 Alderman Carrigan, seconded by Alderman Crabtree, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. **Motion carried 6- Aye, 0-No.**

Approved:

Feb 9, 2026

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk