

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, March 9, 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

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan
Vicky Martinez
Gretchen Dorman
Bradley & Erika Falls
Jerry Bis
Kyle Dorfinger
Jeff LeBlanc
Drew Shippy
Forest Palmer
Zachary & Kaleonahe Raines
Terrica Jones

Amy Finch
Michael Barker
Tony Easter
Dennis & Alison Carroll
Ken Cox
Jonathan Miller
Adam Johnson
Jannan Bradly
Sue Manning
Darlene Smith

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- February 23, 2026 – Budget Workshop

- February 23, 2026 – Regular Session

Aldерwoman Starr moved to approve the consent agenda and the February 23, 2026, Budget Workshop and Regular Session (with requested amendments) meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner wished Aldерwoman Starr a Happy Birthday. Mayor Barner will attend a Main Street Conference in Lee’s Summit this week. He went on to remind everyone to register to vote. He stated that, after speaking with the County Clerk, she said there were 3,725 people registered to vote in Odessa.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte – No Rpt.
- Alderman Carrigan reminded everyone about the Ward 3 town hall meetings and stated that the meetings are open to all wards.
- Aldерwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderman Crabtree – Absent
- Aldерwoman Starr – No Rpt.
- Alderman Whitsitt – No Rpt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Easter 210 E Main Street, Odessa ~ Chao’s instead of solutions with the ECA rates.
Vicki Martinez 409 E Walnut Street, Odessa ~ Audit, refund, plan for refunds
Michael Barker – didn’t speak
Gretchen Dorman 206 W Mason Apt. A, Odessa ~ Don’t bathe, cook, or use heat. Wants to see meter rates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2026-07 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Energy Cost Adjustment

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-07, amending the City code regarding electric rates and energy cost adjustment, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-07, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Aldерwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion: Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that she provided the formula, which was supplied by Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. It was suggested that the formula be attached to the ordinance for approval. This is a temporary ordinance to simplify the ECA calculation only. Ms. Davis mentioned that in the fifth row of the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) formula, the period between 'city' and 'for' should be removed. Ms. Davis explained that this simplifies the formula and adds further explanation on how we use the three-month rolling average. This is a temporary fix to get us through the next couple of months. Mr. David Brown, Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. stated that they are only doing a bill, there is no use of the unbilled or any subtractions.

Alderman Whitsitt asked Mr. Brown if the .0802 cents per kilowatt power is temporary also, until the board sets the final rates. Mr. Brown stated that is correct. There will be a new rate ordinance, including the ECA, the annual adjustment, and potentially a new class structure that will need to be adopted after the cost-of-service study has been presented to the board. Alderman Whitsitt stated that this eliminates the reason for the misinterpretation that resulted in the overcharge. He stated that the ordinance didn't match the formula, and that's why we are dealing with this today. He stated that this is something that the current board inherited from seven years ago. Now is the time to get the two reconciled. He stated that this will solve the problem going forward. The new rates will follow.

Alderwoman Starr said she was on the board in 2019. She explained that she voted yes because the engineers provided a formula to the city. Ms. Davis noted that it was presented in a way that addressed a volatile problem the city faced and made it easier for customers. Alderwoman Starr emphasized it wasn't a mistake; the board voted based on what was presented to them at the time.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Starr to correct the Scribner's error and add the formula as an exhibit, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-07 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Energy Cost Adjustment

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-07, amending the City code regarding electric rates and energy cost adjustment, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to adopt Bill No. 2026-07, correcting the Scribner's error and adding the formula as an exhibit 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:

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| Alderman Plachte | yes | Alderman Carrigan | yes |
| Alderman Whitsitt | yes | Alderwoman Polson | yes |
| Alderman Crabtree | absent | Alderwoman Starr | yes |

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-07 became **Ordinance No. 3171**

(Correct the Scribner's error and add the formula as an exhibit)

Resolution No. 2026-09 ~ MidWest Pool Management of America, LTC

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-09 authorizing the Mayor to execute the pool management agreement for the 2026 season with MidWest Pool Management of America, LTD.

Discussion: Jannan Bradly stated that the Park Board reviewed and approved the agreement. There was a question regarding the liability insurance, and MidWest Pool Management of America, LTC, actually has a \$2 million general liability policy and a \$2 million excess liability policy. The salary portion of the budget had a slight increase due to the minimum wage, and the management fee rose by \$1,840.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-09 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion to Approve ~ Letter of Intent with Region F – Hazardous Waste Commitment

Mayor Barner requested a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of intent with Region F – Hazardous Waste to show the City of Odessa’s commitment to hazardous waste services.

Discussion: Ms. Davis stated that housing the items at the water plant will eliminate the need for additional staffing since there are staff present at all times. No increase in staffing costs will be necessary. Customers will call to schedule an appointment to drop off their items. Two employees will be trained to collect the items. Region F will provide the containers and then coordinate when they are picked up. Alderwoman Polson had concerns that the items would be stored at the water plant. Ms. Davis stated that they have special containers made for HHW, and the containers will be housed near the entrance and not near the water plant. This is a gated, secured area. Alderman Carrigan asked if staff could house the containers at the electric plant. Ms. Davis stated that there may be future discussion on the topic.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to approve the letter of intent to provide hazardous waste services for Region F – Hazardous Waste, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Presentation ~ Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget to the Board of Aldermen.

Presentation ~ ECA Rate Study

David Brown, P.E., Allgeier, Martin, and Associates, Inc. presented their finding of the City of Odessa, Missouri ECA Rate Study. Please visit the City of Odessa website to view the March 9, 2026, meeting for more information.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

Alderwoman Polson requested that a discussion of parking at or near Advanced Industries be included on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Polson to discuss parking at Advanced Industries, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Adjourn to Closed Session

Alderman Plachte, made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:06 p.m. **Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1)** Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential attorney/client communication & **RSMO 610.021 (12)** Sealed bids and related documents, until bids are open; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Plachte, seconded by Alderwoman Starr, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. **Motion carried 5- Aye, 0-No.**

Approved:

March 25, 2026

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk

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Bryan D. Barner
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor