

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ July 13, 2020 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stephen Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stephen Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk, Peggy Eoff called the roll.

Mayor Stephen Wright	Present		
Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Ron Finn	Present
Alderman Ray Harves	Present	Alderman Steve Lockhart	Absent
Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present	Alderman Tom McElwee	Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

City Staff: Peggy Eoff – City Clerk, Nici Wilson – City Administrator, Darrin Lamb – Water/Street Superintendent, Troy Woutzke – Electric Superintendent, Josh Thompson – Police Chief, Kenny Snider – Wastewater Superintendent, Sid Rustman – Finance Director, and Jeff Deane – City Attorney

Public: Hannah Spaar – The Odessan, Kristen Geary, Roger Geary, Wyatt Geary, Collin Carrigan, Merle Mosley, Jodine Mosley, Karyn Lammert, and Kelley Burrus

WELCOME

Mayor Stephen Wright welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Purchasing Card Report
- Budget Report
- Code Compliance Monthly Report (Info Only)
- Approval of minutes
 - June 8, 2020 – Regular Session
 - June 8, 2020 – Closed Session

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wright reminded everyone about the Project Connect event that will be Friday, July 17, 2020, at Odessa High School at 9:00 a.m. at the south parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wyatt Geary addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen requesting them to consider amending the City code of ordinances to allow chickens within the City limits.

Geary shared his belief that there are a lot of benefits to keeping chickens in the urban setting:

- Food production
- FFA students who live in town could raise chickens as a project
- Chickens will also consume many bugs and provide an all-natural pest control
- Owners could possibly sell some of their eggs at the farmer's market

Mr. Geary went on to say that Odessa is an agricultural town and that multiple cities in Missouri have successfully changed their ordinances to allow for backyard chickens.

Mayor Wright thanked Mr. Geary for his comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-06 ~ Contract (Missouri Department of Conservation CAP Program)

Mayor Stephen Wright read the proposed resolution approving a contract between the City of Odessa, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

City Administrator, Nici Wilson stated that the City has partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation for numerous years for the CAP program. This approval is for an updated agreement provided by the MDC for the Odessa Reservoir and Lake Venita.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman McElwee to approve Resolution No. 2020-06. Alderman Harves ask if this agreement could be amended or terminated during the agreement period. Wilson stated that yes it could.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2020-07 ~ Contract (Anderson Engineering – Downtown Survey)

Mayor Stephen Wright read the proposed resolution of the City of Odessa, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor to execute a work authorization agreement with Anderson Engineering to conduct a topographic and scanned survey of the downtown district.

City Administrator, Nici Wilson informed the board that in the fall of 2019, staff presented the proposed agreement, but at that time it was not included in the budget. The Board provided direction to the staff that the survey was a priority however they wanted to hold off until the project could be included in the FYE2021 budget. Wilson further encouraged the Board's consideration in downtown improvements as the City has received additional correspondence regarding the concerns and safety of the ongoing deteriorating conditions of the sidewalks. In addition, the parking areas along MO-Hwy 131 (2nd Street) are in need of overlay. City staff however, does not want to spend the money in the current budget year, if it is the Board's desire to move forward with the infrastructure and street scape improvements.

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to approve Resolution No. 2020-07. Alderman McElwee asked how long will it take to get the results back, and would this let us know who owns the sidewalk, Wilson stated that she would let him know how long it would take and that yes, this would determine who owns the sidewalks. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-10 (1st reading) – Discontinue the Assessment of Credit/Debit Card Fees

Mayor Stephen Wright read the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, amending the agreement with ETC Corporation to discontinue assessing the convenience fee for use of credit and debit card payments.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Harves to approve Bill No. 2020-10, first reading. Alderman McElwee noted his support of this. Alderwoman Starr inquired how much was the current fee was. CA Wilson stated that it had been set at 2.85 percent of the total transaction. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-10 (2nd reading) – Discontinue the Assessment of Credit/Debit Card Fees

Mayor Stephen Wright read the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, amending the agreement with ETC Corporation to discontinue assessing the convenience fee for use of credit and debit card payments.

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve Bill No. 2020-10, second reading.

Vote as follows:

Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Finn	yes
Alderman Harves	yes	Alderman Lockhart	absent
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman McElwee	yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-10 became Ordinance No. 3014.

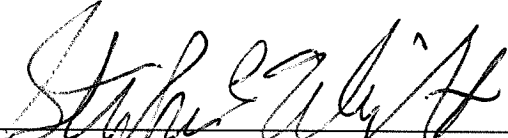
Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Harves to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

July 27, 2020



Stephen L. Wright, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk