

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ July 27, 2020 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stephen Wright called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Stephen Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk, Peggy Eoff called the roll.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

City Staff: Peggy Eoff – City Clerk, Nici Wilson – City Administrator, Darrin Lamb – Water/Street Superintendent, Troy Woutzke – Electric Superintendent, Leland Liese – Asst. Police Chief, Kenny Snider – Wastewater Superintendent, Sid Rustman – Finance Director, and Joe Lauber – City Attorney

Public: Hannah Spaar – The Odessan, Nate Gifford, Shannon Quick, Kristen Geary, Wyatt Geary, Anthony Ross, Ashley Ross, Keegan Ross, Becca Ross, Carter Ross, Kevin Roberts, Crystal Zismer, and Dean Zismer

Zoom: Aaron Jones, and Cary Sayre with Allstate Consultants

WELCOME

Mayor Stephen Wright welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wright asked everyone to visit the City's Facebook or webpage and use the link to take the survey being used for community input of the My Community Matters Grant through the Missouri Main Street organization. Completing the survey will assist the consultants providing design services in creating the community's desire for the future of downtown Odessa.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman McElwee wanted to thank the Police Department on the work they did concerning the vehicle's that were broken into.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ashley Ross addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with her request for their consideration of amending the city's current regulations of chickens. She would like to petition for them to allow the housing of chickens on her property as these chickens will provide her family with:

- Food source for her family (fresh poultry, eggs)
- Encourage children to be in touch with environment
- Odessa students within the FFA program can use for their project

Ms. Ross would like to see this open and available to all families of Odessa with proper restrictions to ensure the safety of residents noting the 2014 constitutional amendment known as "Right-to-Farm". Ms. Ross further stated that she would be happy to help develop rules and regulations regarding enclosures, proper food storage, and the care and handling of these animals.

Mayor Wright thanked Mrs. Ross, and informed her that it would be the board's decision and they would let City Administrator Nici Wilson know if they would like to have an ordinance drafted ahead of the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Event Application - Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Odessa Chamber of Commerce would like to hold an event on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; they are requesting the use of the 1912 Field and for the city to waive all electrical fees for vendors and the speaker system for their community event. Shannon Quick, President of the Chamber of Commerce, explained that there would be an area with liquor and that it will be secured apart from the rest of the event.

Alderman McElwee asked if there would be any road closures, and Shannon said no, they would not. Alderman Lockhart asked if they were looking for any waivers, Quick stated that she had not been the one to fill out the application, but yes waivers of electric fees. Alderman Stevens ask if vendor trucks would be on the 1912 Field. Quick noted that they would not be on the field.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman McElwee to approve the special event application and any need that arises for street closures would need communication with the Police Department.

Motion carried 3-2. Alderman Harves and Alderman Lockhart voted in opposition.

Board/Commission Appointments

Mayor Stephen Wright presented the following names for the Board's consideration of approval:

- Park Board (Term to expire June 2023)
John Carmody and Thad Madsen
- Planning & Zoning Commission (Term to expire April 2024)
Matthew Modlin and Vicki Pavlovsky
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (Term to expire April 2025)
Sean Croucher (reappointment)
- Board of Appeals (Term to expire April 2022)
Dennis Summers (reappointment)

Motion was made by Alderman McElwee, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve these individuals to the respective boards. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion – Odessa Reservoir Spillway (required improvements & future use)

Nici Wilson, City Administrator opened the discussion regarding the necessary spillway improvements. Wilson indicated that Aaron Jones and Cary Sayre with Allstate Consultants were joining the meeting by Zoom. Wilson stated that in October 2019, Darrin Lamb, Water/Street Superintendent, received notification by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources that they have completed an inspection of the Dam at the City Lake (Reservoir) and that there were three items that needed to be taken care of to renew the permit:

1. Trees that were in the emergency spillway channel needed to be removed. Wilson stated that the trees have now been removed.
2. Excessive erosion occurring downstream at the end of the concrete seal, this has also been stabilized and corrected.
3. Displaced joints along the principal spillway concrete that need to be repaired.

Wilson noted that the city encountered and corrected a similar issue on a different portion of the spillway several years ago. Allstate Consultants looked into what steps needed to be taken to make these repairs. After their inspection due to the slope of the spillway, they felt like a specialized engineering firm, specifically with expertise in geotechnical engineering, would be best for this project. Aaron Jones mentioned that because of the slope percentage they did not have the proper equipment to do the job. Jones provided a recommendation and indicated beyond the engineering they would also be able to complete the repairs as needed. Sayer noted that Allstate Consultants would help with proposals if needed.

Alderman Harves asked if there were any idea on how much money this would be? Jones said for the geo-tech study he was not certain, but the repairs would be costly. Sid Rustman, Finance Director, stated that in 2015 the cost was around \$130,000.00 to have the repairs completed.

Alderman Stevens inquired as to any potential assistance available for this repair through the CAP Agreement. Wilson indicated she was uncertain that this was a qualifying project, but would inquire. Alderman Stevens noted the ongoing expenses associated with the lake such as police patrol, vandalism, mowing and upkeep compared to the small amount of revenues that come in through hunting and fishing permits. Wilson noted that this is why the agenda included a discussion of the future use of the property. Regardless of the Board's future decisions regarding the lake, it is her recommendation that the city work to research the possibility of getting the property annexed into the city limits. Mayor Wright agreed that the property is a valuable asset and that it would be very beneficial to annex it into the city limits. Upon completion, it would prove worthy of having the conversations of maximizing the potential of the property including the possibility of selling it.

Alderman McElwee asked if it could be drained and then filled in to give more land space. Wilson said she would research that along with Alderman Stevens's questions in reference to the Missouri Conservation and would follow up. Wilson informed the board that to do a volunteer annexation, the property does have to be contiguous with the existing city limits. This will take conversations with landowners surrounding the property and their willingness to also voluntarily annex.

Alderman Harves and Alderman Stevens both agreed that we need to annex first before any decisions are made as to the future use of the property.

Alderman Lockhart inquired as to what the problem with the spillway was. Wilson explained that the spillway was leaking. Sayers stated that they would need to see what was the root cause of the leak is and rectify it before just fixing the leak.

Wilson stated that once we get it annexed into the City then the board could decide on what the next step would be.

Adjourn to Closed Session

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman McElwee to move the meeting into closed session at 7:58 p.m. pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection (1) legal action. Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Wright, the Board members, Nici Wilson, Peggy Eoff, Sid Rustman, and Joe Lauber-City Attorney were present during the closed session.
No action was voted upon.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen in closed session, motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Stevens to move the meeting back into open session at 8:44 pm. Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

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 8:44 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

August 10, 2020



Stephen L. Wright, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk