

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ September 28, 2020 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stephen Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Ray Harves	Present	Alderman Mike Stevens	Present
Alderman Steve Lockhart	Present	Alderman Ronal Finn	Absent
		Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Tom McElwee	Present by Zoom		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

City Staff: Peggy Eoff – City Clerk, Nici Wilson – City Administrator, Troy Woutzke – Electric Superintendent, Josh Thompson – Police Chief, and Sid Rustman – Finance Director

Public: Hannah Spaar – The Odessan, Terry Thompson

WELCOME

Mayor Stephen Wright welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes

- September 14, 2020 – Regular Session

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor wished City Administrator Nici Wilson a happy birthday.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Lockhart sent his condolences to attorney, Joe Lauber and his family, for the loss of his father
- Alderman Stevens also sent his condolences to Joe Lauber and his family, for the loss of his father. He also wanted to thank the public works department for their ongoing work in fulfilling the Board's goals in making huge strides in street improvements throughout the community

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-10 / Agreement - ARC Flash Hazard Study (BHMG Engineers)

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Aldermen Stevens to approve Resolution No. 2020-10, a proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a memorandum of agreement with BHMG Engineers to complete an ARC Flash Hazard Study on the City's Electric Utility System.

Discussion as follows:

- Alderman Lockhart stated that he understands that we are required to do this every five years, but asked if the lines are marked now with labels
 - Troy Woutzke – Electric Superintendent, said that no that he was not aware that they were
 - Lockhart asked Woutzke if it would be beneficial to buy a label maker
 - Woutzke stated that the labeling will come with the ARC Flash study
 - Alderman Lockhart noted as we increase our load ability would it be beneficial to mark those as we go along, instead of letting them go this many years without them being labeled

With no other comments, motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-14 (1st reading) – Amend Section 2.305-13, Fireworks Ordinance (Testing)

Mayor Wright read the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, amending section 2.305-13, fireworks ordinance as it relates to the approval process of testing and demonstrating fireworks in the City of Odessa. City Administrator Nici Wilson explained that the ordinance would eliminate the process of requiring applicants to come before the board for approval and such requests would be reviewed at an administrative level to allow for a more efficient response to those applicants considering the board's current bi-monthly meeting schedule. Wilson stated that testing and demonstrating abilities is permitted in state statutes, while still providing the local authorities the ability to oversee the permitting process. It was noted, with the local fireworks distributor business in our community, they have a need to perform testing for quality assurance purposes and the timing of their testing does not always line up with our board meeting schedules. Staff felt with all things consider this process could be more efficient if processed on an administrative level.

- Alderman Lockhart stated that this has not always come before the Board. Wilson stated that he was correct and this change would make sure we were following the appropriate procedures outlined in our ordinances.
- Alderwoman Starr asked if this would mean if they could do this anytime. Wilson explained that their request for specific testing times would be coordinated with the Police and Fire Department to make sure the conditions allow for them to conduct their testing safely.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Harves to approve Bill No. 2020-14, first reading.

Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-14 (2nd reading) – Amend Section 2.305-13, Fireworks Ordinance (Testing)

Mayor Wright read the proposed ordinance of the City of Odessa, Missouri, amending section 2.305-13, fireworks ordinance as it relates to the approval process of testing and demonstrating fireworks in the City of Odessa.

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderman Lockhart to approve Bill No. 2020-14, second reading.

Vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2020-14 became Ordinance No. 3017.

Wilson informed the Board that we did receive the final copy (digital) of the audit for fiscal year ending 03/31/2020 late Friday. As soon as we receive the hard copies, they will be distributed to the Board for their review.

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 7:13 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Stephen L. Wright, Mayor

Peggy Eoff, City Clerk