

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
March 25, 2019 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Couch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Adam Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll of officials.

Mayor Adam Couch	Present		
Alderman John Carmody	Present	Alderman Brian Henning	Absent
Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Ray Harves	Present
Alderman Steve Wright	Present	Alderwoman Starr	Present

City Staff present: Nici Wilson-City Administrator, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Josh Thompson-Police Chief, Kenny Snider-Wastewater Superintendent, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Keith Gibson-EMS Director, Carson Hodge-Electric Superintendent, Julian Hartner-City Attorney

Others present: Hannah Sparr-The Odessan, Steve Lockhart, Alicia Gust, Connie Hughes, Pat Harves

WELCOME

Mayor Adam Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
 - March 11 – Regular Session

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Couch reminded everyone that Saturday at 10:00 a.m. there will be an open house for the community at the Fire Department. Officials and staff will be available to answer questions on the upcoming ballot issue.
- Mayor Couch noted that the General Municipal Election is on Tuesday, April 2.
- Mayor Couch recognized Alderman Carmody as it is his last full Board of Aldermen meeting after twenty-one (21) years of service to the community.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Harves – stated that last weekend was the I Love Odessa, over three hundred (300) people volunteered their time. Over two hundred (200) service

projects were completed including improvements to eighty (80) homes. Alderman Harves added that he is proud and grateful that the people of Odessa care about their community and want to make it better.

- Mayor Couch too thanked everyone for volunteering.
- Alderwoman Starr - It was her first time to volunteer for the City wide cleanup event. She enjoyed the time at the park with other volunteers and city staff.
- Alderman Stevens - Also thanked everyone for volunteering for the I Love Odessa and thanked the staff for all the work during the City wide cleanup day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board of Aldermen.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Watch Program – Kirkpatrick Street

Pat Harves informed the board that residents in their area would like to start a neighborhood watch program. Those heading up this project, have met with the police department on what needs to be done to effectively implement this program. Collectively, the neighborhood will purchase four (4) signs and would ask of the City to install them on existing polls. Mayor Couch thanked them for their efforts and the consensus of the Board was to have the neighborhood group work with City staff on the installation.

Special Event – Downtown Car Cruise Nights

Alicia Gust and Mark Begemann presented the Special Events Application for the Downtown Car Cruise Night for Downtown Odessa, Inc. They are requesting the following street closures for this event:

- 2nd Street from Main to Dryden
- Mason Street to the east and west alleys

This would be for the third (3rd) Saturday of the each month (April - October) from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. They have met with the merchants which most will have extended hours to make this event attracting to people of all ages. Mayor Couch stated the last one was very successful, despite the unfavorable weather. Alderman Harves also noted that there was a good turnout for the one they did this past fall and is in favor of a reoccurring event. Alderman Stevens asked if the shops were on board. Alicia stated yes. Alderman Stevens added that since traffic would be diverted to Railroad Street with the closure of 2nd Street, he would also like to see it repaved to provide a better road for folks to travel on. Mayor Couch noted that Railroad Street had taken a pretty hard hit with this year's winter weather.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the special events application. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2019-11 / Agreement with Boone County Sheriff's Department (K-9 Training)

Mayor Couch read the proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor to approve an agreement for K-9 basic training service with Boone County Sheriff's Department. Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve resolution 2019-11. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2019-12 / Agreement with Empire Electric (Water SCADA system)

Mayor Couch read the proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Empire Electric for the water treatment facility SCADA system. Alderwoman Starr asked what was a SCADA system, Wilson explained that it is the computer programming that automates portions of the water treatment process. Motion was made by Alderwoman Starr, seconded by Alderman Harves to approve resolution 2019-12. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2019-08 (1st reading) Budget Amendment (FYE 03/31/2019)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2019-08, a proposed ordinance amending ordinance number 2962 to acknowledge receipt of additional revenue and to increase the appropriation of funds in ratification of expenses approved throughout the fiscal year. Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve Bill No. 2019-08, first reading. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Bill No. 2019-08 (2nd reading) Budget Amendment (FYE 03/31/2019)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2019-08, a proposed ordinance amending ordinance number 2962 to acknowledge receipt of additional revenue and to increase the appropriation of funds in ratification of expenses approved throughout the fiscal year. Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to approve Bill No. 2019-08, second reading. There was no further discussion. Vote as follows:

Alderman Carmody	yes	Alderman Henning	absent
Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Harves	yes
Alderman Wright	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Carmody to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

April 8, 2019


Adam R. Couch, Mayor


Peggy Eoff, City Clerk