

**City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
May 13, 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 Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk, Peggy Eoff called the roll.

Mayor Adam Couch	Present		
Alderman Ray Harves	Present	Alderman Steve Wright	Present
Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Steve Lockhart	Present
Alderman Tom McElwee	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present

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

Others present: Hannah Sparr-The Odessian, Nate Gifford, Ariann Haskin

WELCOME

Mayor Couch welcomed the visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
 - April 22, 2019 – Regular Session
 - April 22, 2019 – Closed Session
 - *Distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for review*
- Financial Reports (purchasing card report, accounts payable, budget report)

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Aldermen Harves to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman McElwee – Would like to see that the boiler at the 1912 building get sold while it is in good shape. Mayor Couch stated that the staff would gather information and bring it back the next meeting.
- Alderman Stevens – Noted he is happy to see there are thirteen (13) new homes are being built in Odessa, adding that it is the most active building permits since he has been on the board.
- Alderman Harves - Thanked the electric department staff for getting the power back on so quickly during the recent outage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Let the record show there were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Let the record show there was no old business for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Application – Street Closure

City Administrator Wilson told the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the special event application submitted by the Downtown Merchants is for a street closure on Mason Street from 2nd Street to the alley (west of the four way stop). They will be using this area for registration tables, photo booths, and a watering station during their organized event on June 8, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the special event application. Motion carried 6-0.

Memorandum of Understanding – Odessa School District (School Resource Officer)

Police Chief Josh Thompson presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the Odessa school district for the 2019-2020 school year for the school resource officer. Chief Thompson noted that the agreement has only one change from the current year's agreement, which is for the overtime compensation to be billed to the school when the district requests the SRO for additional duty assignments or events. Chief Thompson further added the arrangement is still a 50/50 cost split between the City and the School District in the sum of \$32,000.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Harves to approve the SRO memorandum of understanding. Motion carried 6-0.

Purchase Approval – 2020 International HV507 SFA truck and Chassis

A board action form was presented requesting approval of the purchase of a 2020 International HV507 SFA Truck and chassis from the Missouri state bid list for a cost of \$71,764.00. In addition, Darrin Lamb has received bids to have the dump truck outfitted for use by Viking Cives Midwest for the hydraulics system, dump bed, and MWSL30R10 ten (ten) foot plow for a sum of \$46,340.00. Mayor Couch reminded the Board of Aldermen that this purchase was included in the approved Capital Improvement Plan for this fiscal year.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to approve the purchase of the 2020 International dump truck for the water department.

Discussion:

Alderman Stevens inquired about the status of the old dump truck. Lamb noted that he would like to sell it. Motion carried 6-0.

Purchase Approval – John Deere Loader

A board action form was presented requesting approval of the purchase of a John Deere 524L loader with bucket and forks from Murphy Tractor and Equipment for the net price of \$120,642.00. This purchase would replace the 1996 Case 621BXT loader. In the action form, Darrin Lamb explained that the twenty-three (23) year old loader has over 7700 hours and is worn out. The loader is currently in need of repairs exceeding \$10,300.00. The loader is necessary for day-to-day operations as it is used for loading our dump trucks with rock, dirt, asphalt, and salt/sand during winter. In addition, it is used for snow removal in cul-de-sacs and in the down town area. Mayor Couch added this item was too in the CIP previously approved. The following three bids were obtained:

- Foley Equipment with Caterpillar Loader \$148,500.00
- Victor L. Phillips with Case Loader came in at \$135,745.00
- Murphy Tractor & Equipment with a John Deere Loader was \$134,145.00

During discussion, Lamb noted he had bid out several pieces of used equipment.

However, after consideration the reduced price on new through the state bid pricing, the reduced life expectancy, the uncertain reliability of used equipment, and the ease of the transaction in not having to sell the old equipment, it was determined that purchase of a new loader, bucket and forks was the best option and is being recommended by staff.

Wilson informed the board that there was a correction in the action report that the price should state \$120,000.00 not \$12,000.00.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to approve the purchase of the John Deere loader.

Discussion:

Alderman Lockhart shared his concern with spending \$120,000 on a new loader instead of \$10,000 to repair the old one. Lamb explained that while the engine appears still good right now, the center pins are bad, and the cost to repair with no guarantee something else won't break down is too much to put into a 1996 loader that has exceeded its life expectancy. Alderman Lockhart asked if it would be advantageous to repair and use it as a backup loader. Darrin noted that to keep within the budget included in the capital improvement plan, it would be traded in for approximately \$13,000. Alderman Lockhart noted he felt that this was not a good trade. Alderman McElwee inquired how long the equipment would last if the repairs were made. Lamb noted he really does not know that as the loader is twenty-seven (27) years old and was bought by used by the City in 1999. Motion carried 5-1.

Resolution 2019-15 / Investment Policy

Mayor Couch read resolution 2019-15, the proposed resolution adopting an investment policy. Finance Director Jennings passed out an amended resolution which contained highlighted language changes proposed by the Mayor. City Administrator Wilson

explained the purpose of this policy is to set forth Odessa's investment policies and objectives. It was noted that staff has been working on this policy in collaboration with the City's financial advisor, Joey McLiney, and that the truly revised proposed investment policy was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. Alderman Stevens stated he thought it was a well put together policy.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve resolution 2019-15 as amended. Aldermen McElwee inquired about the amount to be invested. Jennings explained that the specific investment amounts and recommendations and options for those investments will come back to the Board as a recommendation following the audit of the City's financials. Currently staff is just asking for the approval of a formal policy. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2019-12 (1st Reading) – Late Fee/Disconnect Deadlines (Utility Bills)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2019-12, the proposed ordinance designating the date and time for receipt of payments to avoid late payment penalties and/or interruption of services. Wilson stated this bill would provide for a specific time for penalties and disconnects which would then eliminate any confusion or subjective decisions placed on staff to make. It was noted, if approved the ordinance would take effect June 1, 2019, to allow time for notification. Alderman Lockhart and Alderman McElwee voiced concerns on the time.

Motion was made by Alderman Harves, seconded by Alderwoman Starr to approve bill no. 2019-12, 1st reading. Motion carried 4-2 with Aldermen Lockhart and McElwee voting in opposition.

Bill No. 2019-12 (2nd Reading) – Late Fee/Disconnect Deadlines (Utility Bills)

Mayor Couch read bill no. 2019-12, the proposed ordinance designating the date and time for receipt of payments to avoid late payment penalties and/or interruption of services.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve bill no. 2019-11, 2nd reading. Vote as follows:

Alderman Harves	yes	Alderman Wright	yes
Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Lockhart	no
Alderman McElwee	no	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 4-2. Bill No. 2019-12 became Ordinance No. 2992.

Adjourn to Closed Session

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen in open session, motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Harves to move the meeting into closed session at 7:28 pm pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) for legal actions, causes of action and for confidential or privileged communication with legal counsel.

Vote as follows:

Alderman Harves	yes	Alderman Wright	yes
Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Lockhart	yes
Alderman McElwee	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Couch, the six (6) board members, Nici Wilson, Peggy Eoff and Julian Hartner-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 Wright, seconded by Alderman Harves to move the meeting back into open session at 7:36 pm. Vote as follows:

Alderman Harves	yes	Alderman Wright	yes
Alderman Stevens	yes	Alderman Lockhart	yes
Alderman McElwee	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes
Motion carried 6-0.			

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

June 10, 2019



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk