

City of Odessa Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
October 9, 2017 | 7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Peggy Eoff called the roll.

Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Brian Henning	Present
Alderman Steve Wright	Present	Alderman Steve Lockhart	Present
Alderman Ray Harves	Present	Alderman John Carmody	Present

City Staff present: Nici Wilson-City Administrator, Dawn Jennings-Finance Director, Peggy Eoff-City Clerk, Lt. Liese-Odessa Division/Lafayette Co. Sherriff, Darrin Lamb-Water/Street Superintendent, Keith Gibson-EMS Director, Darren Ellison-Electric Department, and Kenny Snider Wastewater Department.

Others present: Hannah Spaar-The Odessan, Steve Cobb-Park Board president Rachel Newton, Bruce Whitsitt, Judy Thomas, Jodie Smith, Ryan Watkins, Tiffany Watkins, Joyce Watkins, Mary Bertram, Joe Wimberly, Samantha Couch, Gary & Lisa Hotchkin.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mayor Couch welcomed visitors.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Purchasing Card Report August & September
- Income Statement/Balance Sheet September
- A/P Monthly Registers August & September
- Approval of Minutes
 - September 25, 2017 – Regular Session
 - September 25, 2017 Closed Session (distributed to each Board Member for review prior to the meeting)
- City Administrator’s Report (Info Only)
- Monthly EMS Summary Report (Info Only)
- Code Compliance Monthly Report (Info Only)
- Special Event Application- Street closure downtown Trick or Treat
 - Applicant: Odessa Chamber of Commerce
 - October 31, 2017 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MAYORS REPORT

- Mayor Couch stated that on Wednesday would be the Special Olympics at the High school and will start at 10:00 am
- Mayor Couch noted that the October 21, 2017 is the Marching Invitational and that this would bring around 20 different schools to town, there will be a parade and a field completion
- Chamber of Commerce Merchant will be having their Fall Fest this Saturday at the rail-road park.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Carmody introduced Jordan Tribble who is working on a Senior Project interested in learning about city government.
- Alderman Lockhart recognized The Odessan on the awards they achieved. Mayor Couch also congratulated The Odessan.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Downtown Odessa Inc.

Ryan Watkins presented a possible plan and would like to move forward to mark the Rail Road Park Pavilion as a community gathering space. Mayor Couch stated it was an excellent project. Alderman Wright would like all the funding in place before they moved on. Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to earmark space to allow Downtown Odessa Inc. to proceed with further planning, designing and funding for Rail-Road Park Pavilion as presented at October 9, 2017 Board of Alderman meeting for a period of 1 (one) year. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2017-22 (1st reading)

City Administrator Nici Wilson presented bill no. 2017-22, Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 5. Sections 5.611 of the Code of Ordinance amending the solid waste collection service charge for collection of residential solid waste and recycling items from the amount of Ten Dollars and 80/100 to the amount of Twelve Dollars and 80/100 (\$12.80) per month. These rates will apply to the September-October 2017, billing period, dated October 31, 2017.

Motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Stevens to approve the first reading of bill no. 2017-22. Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2017-22 (2nd reading)

Motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Harves to approve the second reading of bill no. 2017-22. Vote as follows: Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Wright aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Harves aye. Motion carried.

Discussion – Water, Sewer and Electric Connect/Tap Fees

City Administrator Nici Wilson, informed the board that the previous Ordinance #2929 sunset on September 30, 2017 Alderman Henning stated he would like to have a set credit. Alderman Wright would like more people on the system. Mayor Couch asked the staff and supervisors to come together with an ordinance to reduce the cost of connect fees to help encourage growth.

Discussion/Consideration – Developer's agreement – Improvements to S. 1st Street from Advanced Industries.

City Administrator Wilson stated that there was a request from Advanced Industries to pave the street between South 1st Street from Marlow to Main with concrete vs. asphalt Advanced would pay the full amount and then the city would reimburse them in the amount of \$41,089.50. Alderman Lockhart asked if we should other look at that to see if what others would do. Attorney Joe Lauber stated that the city does have a procurement policy that would require the city to bid for a project that was \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars) but there was a prevision that states in a unique situation that with the City Administrator and the Board of Alderman could approve Dawn Jennings informed that the money would come from the Transportation Tax and it would have no impact on the street plan. Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Wright, to authorize city staff to draft a contract for improvements on S. 1st Street and authorize City Administrator to negotiate and sign the contract to proceed with the work. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Stevens to waive the bidding requirements of section 1.700 subsection 9 for a unique purchasing situation. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen in open session, motion was made by Alderman Henning, seconded by Alderman Harves to move the meeting into closed session at 8:07 pm pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) to allow for the discussion of litigation, Pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) for personnel and Pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (12) Documents related to a negotiated contract Vote as follows: Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Wright aye Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Henning aye. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 8:11 pm. The Mayor, all Alderman, Attorney Wesley Carrillo, Attorney Joe Lauber, Nici Wilson, and Peggy Eoff, Dawn Jennings were present during the closed session. Wesley Carrillo, left the closed session at 8:16 pm.

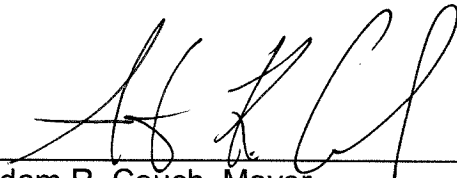
Motion was made to return to open session at 8:31 pm by Alderman Lockhart, seconded by Alderman Stevens. Vote as follows: Alderman Stevens aye Alderman Lockhart aye Alderman Carmody aye Alderman Harves aye Alderman Henning aye Alderman Wright aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

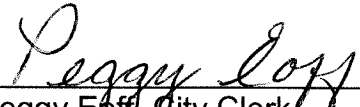
There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was made by Alderman Wright, seconded by Alderman Henning to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

October 23, 2017



Adam R. Couch, Mayor



Peggy Eoff, City Clerk