

**City of Odessa, Missouri  
Board of Aldermen  
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street  
Regular Meeting ~ March 14, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Stephen Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Deputy Clerk, Melissa Hundley, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Stephen Wright	Present	Alderman Steve Lockhart	Present
Alderman Mike Stevens	Present	Alderman Ron Finn	Present
Alderman Shawn Cramer	Present	Alderman Bryan Barner	Present
Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

City Staff: Nici Wilson – Administrator, Shawna Davis - Finance Director, Melissa Hundley – Deputy Clerk, Josh Thompson – Police Chief, Darrin Lamb - Water/Street Superintendent, Troy Woutzke – Electric Superintendent, Kenny Snider – Wastewater Superintendent, Lindsey Adams – Parks and Rec Director, Joe Lauber – City Attorney

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Spaar – Odessan, Donna Ehlert – Resident, Brenda Barner, Resident

**AMEND AGENDA**

Mayor Wright asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove Bill No. 2022-04, Budget Amendments FYE 03/31/2022. The item will be heard by the Board at its Monday, March 28, 2022 Board meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, to remove Bill No. 2022-04 – Budget Amendments FYE 03/31/2022 and add to the Monday, March 28, 2022 Board meeting agenda, seconded by Alderman Barner.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Finance Report: Alderman Stevens thanked the department heads on keeping the budget numbers down for the year. There is one month left in the budget year, and most of the departments are under or at their total budget amounts. City Hall is higher due to the \$555,000 spent on the new building.

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Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderwoman Starr, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried 6-0.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wright reminded everyone of the Odessa Community Clean-Up Day that will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Rodeo arena at Dyer Park. Volunteers can contact City Hall for more information.

### **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Barner expressed his thanks for the clean-up efforts that took place at the Pine Creek Apartments. He would like to see bigger dumpsters placed at the site.
- Alderman Cramer thanked City Hall for the trash updates. Cramer mentioned that it was 5 years last week that a tornado hit Oak Grove, and barreled through Pleasant Street in Odessa. March 6<sup>th</sup> a tornado hit Winterset, Iowa and killed several of his close friends. Please have a plan and be weather aware.
- Alderman Lockhart – No report
- Alderwoman Starr – No report
- Alderman Finn – No report
- Alderman Stevens – No report

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Ehlert, Resident  
411 S Russell Street  
Odessa, MO 64076

Ms. Ehlert stated that she would like to work with the Chamber of Commerce in supporting Odessa, Ukraine in some way, and wanted to get the Board's thoughts on doing so. She went on to say that Odessa, MO was platted in 1878, and named after Odessa Ukraine. Also, Odessa, Texas was platted in 1884, and they were also named after Odessa Ukraine. Ms. Ehlert contacted the Odessa Texas Chamber of Commerce, and they may be willing to join our city to show respect to our sister city. Ms. Ehlert will contact our Chamber of Commerce to see if they would like to participate.

Alderman Barner would like to see the water tower lit up in Ukraine's colors to support our sister city.

Joe Lauber, Lauber Municipal Law, LLC announced that his office will be conducting the Public Officials Liability training on Friday, April 22, 2022 at Midwest Public Risk located at 19400 E. Valley View Pkwy., Independence, MO 64055, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Karen Findora, City Clerk if you would like to attend. There is a fee that the City will pay for your attendance.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion: Net Metering Calculations**

Alderman Barner held a discussion on Net Metering Calculations: Mr. Barner stated that the Ordinance read, "The energy that is exported to the grid is paid back at the avoided cost." He stated that after looking through his bills, it doesn't look like that is what is taking place. He stated that it would appear that the net imported energy, (what is actually used) that is getting added to what he is exporting. He stated that he is paying for the entire thing retail, getting paid back on the exported energy at the avoided cost. Nici Wilson, City Administrator, stated that is how the rate structure is currently set up. Alderman Barner stated that not only is he paying for the grid but what he exports back to the grid at 85%.

Ms. Wilson stated the credit is at the avoided cost vs a one to one of the retail cost. Alderman Barner questioned the avoided cost on the bill and if it is only supposed to affect the exported energy to the grid. If so, why is it being added? Alderman Barner stated that the avoided cost should only be applied to the exported energy to the grid. The extra surplus energy. Alderman Barner would like further research of the Ordinance. Ms. Wilson stated that it would take an ordinance to change the rate structure.

Ms. Brenda Barner stated that her payment is \$129.00 per month for the solar panels. She stated that she was told that she would get a \$129.00 credit on her payment. She stated that she is only getting \$2.00 to \$4.00 per month. The numbers are a wash, where there should be more of a payment back to the customer.

### **Motion of Approval – School Resource Officer**

Mayor Wright asked for a motion to approve the 2022/2023 School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding, "MOU" with the Odessa Missouri R-VII School District.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, to approve the 2022/2023 School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding, "MOU" with the Odessa Missouri R-VII School District, seconded by Alderman Cramer.

Discussion: The Memorandum continues to be 50/50.

Motion carried 6-0

### **Presentation: 2022-2023 Budget**

Shawna Davis, Finance Director, presented the final 2022-2023 budget review to the Board. Ms. Davis informed the Board that at the Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting the following will be heard.

- 2021/2022 Budget Amendment
- Public Hearing to set the annual sewer rate
- Vote on the 2022/2023 Budget

Mayor Wright informed the Board that Joey McLiney, McLiney and Company, didn't wait until March 22<sup>nd</sup> to sell the COP, he sold them March 13<sup>th</sup> due to the potential future rate increases.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, a motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderman Lockhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

March 28, 2022

CITY OF ODESSA

Stephen L. Wright  
Stephen L. Wright, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk