

**City of Odessa, Missouri**  
**Board of Aldermen**  
**Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street**  
**Regular Meeting ~ June 13, 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**

Karen Findora, City Clerk called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shawna Davis - Finance Director, Karen Findora – City Clerk, Josh Thompson – Chief of Police, Troy Woutzke – Electric, Kenny Snider – Wastewater, Anthony Hernandez – Lauber Municipal Law, LLC

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Spaar – Odessan

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes

- May 23, 2022 – Regular Session  
*(distributed to each Board member for review prior to meeting)*

Alderman Stevens stated that the Finance Committee met to review the year end of the 2021 budget year. He went on to thank staff for their due diligence with keeping the budget numbers down even while cost are increasing.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wright thanked the Electric department for handling the recent power outages in a timely fashion. Mayor Wright thanked the Police department for providing an interesting NIBRS Crime Status report.

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Stevens thanked the organizations involved for the Odessa Wine Walk event, and stated that attendance was high. Alderman Stevens went on to thank the Police department with their hard work ranking Odessa the 27th Safest City in Missouri.
- Alderman Barner thanked the Police department for their grant efforts, and saving the City money.
- Alderman Cramer thanked the Police and the Electric departments for all of their hard work.
- Alderman Lockhart – No Report
- Alderwoman Starr reminded everyone of the upcoming Rodeo the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Alderwoman Ehlert welcomed newly hired Kate Collins, AP Clerk to the City of Odessa. Alderwoman Ehlert went on to say that she has met with the local Boy Scouts and they will be weed eating the downtown area to help clean it up.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution No. 2022-20 Lafayette County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mayor Wright proposed a Resolution approving and adopting a FEMA-approved Lafayette County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Discussion: Chief Thompson stated that this is a process that every jurisdiction will go through every five (5) years, should they request FEMA assistance in the case of a natural disaster. There is no cost to the city. The current [Lafayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is posted on the Pioneer Trails website. Once approved the plan will be updated.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2022-20.

Motion carried 6-0.

### **Resolution No. 2022-21 – ARPA Application Designee**

Mayor Wright proposed a Resolution authorizing the filling of an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Financial Assistance Center's State ARPA Grant program.

Discussion: Shawna Davis, Finance Director, stated that this approval would give the City authorization to submit for those grant dollars. Allstate Engineering will be assisting staff with the application process. Ms. Davis informed the Board that the ARPA funds area located in a separate account fund dedicated to ARPA. The total amount in that account is \$530,000.00, and the city will receive a second installment soon. The match the city intends to use is the money that they have received from ARPA to match their ARPA grant.

Alderman Lockhart questioned the lead lines. Mayor Wright stated that there are new regulations from DNR about the lead in the older water lines. Ms. Davis stated that this funding would help us complete the inventory of these lines and potentially change out the older lines with more modern lines to meet DNR regulations. The list that was listed in the packet is just a list of items that the City could use the money for.

Motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2022-21.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion / Motion to Approve City Hall Renovations

Mayor Wright stated that there were two (2) drawings in the agenda packet. One had the total upgrade and the other had a moderate upgrade. Alderwoman Ehlert asked for the cost between the two. Mayor Wright stated that the estimated difference is \$150,000.00 - \$175,000.00. Mayor Wright stated that square footage is 7.6ft. X 40ft. for a total of 300 sq. ft. X \$425.00 sq. ft. = \$127,500.00. The roof portion of it which would be the flooring, walls, etc. would cost between \$150,000.00 - \$175,000.00.

Alderman Cramer would like to use the building as is until prices go down. Alderman Cramer stated that he would prefer to phase the project. Mayor Wright stated the mobilizing and take off of each phase will cost the city more than what is presented. Alderman Cramer stated that the cost of everything is high and no one knows what the future holds.

Alderwoman Ehlert stated that she would like to postpone conversations until she has a better understanding of the entire project and options of cost since she was not on the board during the purchase process. Alderman Stevens seconded Alderwoman Ehlert's comments. He stated that he would like to tour the building again before bringing it back for a vote.

Motion was made by Alderman Barner, to postpone the vote for two weeks. Alderman Cramer stated that he would like to request that it be postponed for a month, due to the fact he will be out of town. Seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.

No vote was taken due to the fact the motion needed clarification.

Motion was made by Alderman Barner to postpone the vote to the Monday, July 11, 2022, seconded by Alderman Cramer.

Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, motion was made by Alderman Stevens, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

June 27, 2022

CITY OF ODESSA

Stephen L. Wright  
Stephen L. Wright, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk