

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, May 11, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m., and led in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt	Present	Alderman Forest Palmer	Present
Alderwoman Karla Polson	Absent	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderwoman Rachel Wrenn	Present
Alderwoman Amy Finch	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shawna Davis, City Administrator	Troy Woutzke, Electric
Karen Findora, City Clerk	Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director	Kenny Snider, Wastewater
Josh Thompson, Police Chief	Lindsey Kolisch, Lauber Municipal Law

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Brian Clubine
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WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Whitsitt welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Palmer moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitsitt stated that he has begun meeting with department directors. He thanked all city staff for their hard work and dedication each day for the City of Odessa. Mayor Whitsitt attended the National Day of Prayer event at the Church of Christ, where he read the Proclamation. He also thanked everyone who worked on Community Clean Up Day.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte - No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Wrenn – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Polson – absent
- Alderman Palmer – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr thanked everyone who participated in the Community Clean-Up Day. She said she always enjoys working with the staff during this event. City staff would like to thank Alderwoman Starr for volunteering her time.
- Alderwoman Finch recognized the Odessa Police Department during Police Service Week and thanked them for their dedication to keeping Odessa safe.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief update on city events.
(visit the [city website](#) to hear update.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Clubine, spoke on the parking at Advanced Industries.

Three (3) other public comment forms were submitted, but the speakers left. The regular board meeting started late in the evening due to the Rumor's Bar & Grill Liquor License hearing held prior to the regular board meeting.

Those speakers were Jessica McGinnis, Robbie Hotmer, and Joey Hotmer, all of whom were going to speak on the building permit fee increase..

PRESENTATION ~ Vance Brothers – 2026 Street Plan

Chris Thompkins, Division Manager at Vance Brothers, gave a presentation on the 2026 Street Plan and the product they recommend for street overlay.

Motion of Approval ~ Acting President

Alderwoman Starr nominated Alderman Plachte to serve as Acting President for a one-year term, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion of Approval ~ Planning Commission Liaison

Alderwoman Finch nominated Alderman Plachte to serve as Planning Commission Liaison for a one-year term, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion of Approval ~ Finance Committee

Mayor Whitsitt nominated Alderwoman Polson, Alderwoman Finch, and Alderman Palmer to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Plachte moved to approve the nomination of Alderwoman Polson, Alderwoman Finch, and Alderman Palmer to the Finance Committee, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion of Approval ~ Planning Commission

Alderwoman Starr moved to approve the appointment of Carl Crabtree to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion of Approval ~ Parks and Recreation Board

Alderswoman Finch moved to approve the re-appointment of John Carmody, Jannan Bradley, and Tracy Peters (Re-Appointment – 2029) to the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Alderswoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion of Approval ~ Board of Appeals

Alderman Palmer moved to approve the appointment of Sarah Hawthorne to the Board of Appeals, seconded by Alderswoman Finch.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-20 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Prohibited Parking

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-20, of the proposed ordinance amending prohibited parking regulations within the City of Odessa, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderswoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-20, of the proposed ordinance amending prohibited parking regulations within the City of Odessa, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderswoman Wrenn.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-20 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Prohibited Parking

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-20, of the proposed ordinance amending prohibited parking regulations within the City of Odessa, second reading.

Alderswoman Finch made a motion to amend Bill No. 2026-20, of the proposed ordinance amending prohibited parking regulations within the City of Odessa, with the amendment to correct Cobb Avenue to Cobb Street second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Motion was made by Alderswoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-20, of the proposed ordinance amending prohibited parking regulations within the City of Odessa, with the amendment to correct Cobb Avenue to Cobb Street second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderswoman Wrenn, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderswoman Finch	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderswoman Polson	absent
Alderswoman Wrenn	yes	Alderswoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-20 became **Ordinance No. 3184**

Resolution No. 2026-19 ~ Right of Refusal Agreement

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-19 approving the Mayor to authorize a Right of Refusal Agreement between the City of Odessa and Advanced Industries, LLC.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-19 Right of Refusal Agreement, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to withdraw Resolution No 2026-19 Right of Refusal Agreement, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Staff will bring a revised Resolution to the June 8, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting.

Motion carried 0-Aye, 0-No

Resolution No. 2026-20 ~ Wastewater Feasibility Study

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-20 approving the Mayor to authorize a professional services agreement with Allstate Consultants to perform a wastewater feasibility study/masterplan, contingent on approval of city attorney review.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-20 seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No

DISCUSSION ~ Parking on Dryden Street

Parking on Dryden Street will be added to the June 8, 2026, Board of Aldermen agenda.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to discuss the hours of operation for bars that serve alcohol, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No

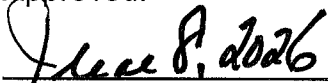
Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Electric Rate Workshop.

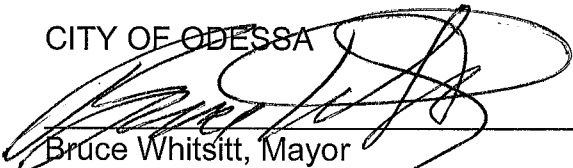
Adjourn to Closed Session

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Plachte, seconded by Alderwoman Starr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. **Motion carried 5- Aye, 0-No.**

Approved:



CITY OF ODESSA



Bruce Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST



Karen Findora, City Clerk