

**City of Odessa, Missouri  
Board of Aldermen  
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street  
Regular Meeting ~ May 13, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bryan Barner 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 Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bob Carey	Present
Alderdwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderdwoman Donna Ehlert	Present
Alderman	Vacant	Alderdwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shawna Davis, City Administrator  
Karen Findora, City Clerk  
Josh Thompson, Police Chief  
James Newell, Lauber Municipal Law, LLC

Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water – Absent  
Troy Woutzke, Electric  
Kenny Snider, Wastewater

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Spaar, Odessan  
Amanda Plachte  
Deborah Fiene

Laura Sanders  
Kelley Burrus  
Scott & Amy Burnett

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes

- April 22, 2024 – Regular Session

Alderdwoman Ehlert moved to approve the consent agenda and the meeting minutes for April 22, 2024, seconded by Alderdwoman Starr.  
Motion carried 5-0

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Barner has been quite busy since taking office. He recently attended a Chamber of Commerce luncheon and the National Day of Prayer event hosted by the Faith Alliance, where he read a Proclamation. He expressed his gratitude to the Electric Department, the City of Harrisonville, the City of Higginsville, and other city crews for their help in repairing the damaged power poles. The Mayor also informed the Board that two Journeymen and

one Apprentice had traveled to Carthage, MO to assist with storm damage. Additionally, Mayor Barner mentioned that all official flags would be replaced with proper lighting in the next few months. He also encouraged residents to share their opinions by filling out the City survey, that is also available in hard copy at city hall.

**PROCLAMATION:** *"Local Government Week" May 6-10-2024*

Mayor Barner had graciously issued a proclamation designating May 6-10, 2024, as Local Government Week and expressed sincere gratitude to all city staff for their dedicated service.

**ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Carrigan thanked the city employees for their work on the damaged power poles and acknowledged that not all city employees don't always get to clock out at 5:00 p.m. as they work 24/7 when needed.
- Alderman Carey thanked the staff for their hard work. He stated that there is an enormous amount of work to fix and replace issues that occur in the city. He mentioned that citizens are recognizing the great job that city staff is doing.
- Alderwoman Ehlert thanked the staff for the 225-page agenda, emphasizing the substantial effort required behind the scenes to compile the packet and expressing her appreciation for the hard work.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Report
- Alderwoman Starr thanked staff for their work on the damaged power outage. Alderwoman Starr stated that she had trouble completing the survey. Shawna Davis, City Administrator, mentioned that the issue had been fixed and urged residents to participate in the survey.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief update on the city's happenings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINTMENT "Alderman Ward 2"**

Mayor Barner asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Plachte as Alderman Ward 2 to fill the vacancy with the term set to expire in April 2025.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to appoint Mike Plachte as Alderman Ward 2 to fill the vacancy with the term set to expire in April 2025, seconded by Alderman Carey. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn Sine Die** Alderwoman Starr made a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Alderman Carrigan. Motion carried 5-0.  
The meeting was recessed briefly for the Oath of Office of the newly elected official.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bryan Barner called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bob Carey	Present
Alderwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderwoman Donna Ehlert	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

### **APPOINTMENT “Boards & Commissions”**

Mayor Barner stated that, due to having family on one of the boards and commissions, he would recuse himself from voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Ehlert stepped in, and Mayor Barner stepped out of the room.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ehlert asked for a motion to approve the appointments for the Planning Commission: Matthew Modlin and Vicki Pavlovsky. Alderwoman Starr made a motion to approve the Planning Commissioner appointments, seconded by Alderman Carey. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ehlert asked for a motion to approve the appointments for the Board of Adjustment: Jason Hawkins and William “BJ” Begeman. Alderwoman Starr made a motion to approve the Board of Adjustment appointments, seconded by Alderman Carey. Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Pro-Tem Ehlert asked for a motion to approve the appointments for the Board of Appeals: Rick Barker and Dennis Summers. Alderwoman Starr made a motion to approve the Board of Appeals appointments, seconded by Alderman Plachte. Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Pro-Tem Ehlert asked for a motion to approve the appointments for the Parks Board: Gerald Gitteneger, Alan Barner, Logan Seals. Alderman Carey made a motion to approve the Parks Board appointments, seconded by Alderman Carrigan. Motion carried 6-0

### **Special Event Permit “Puddle Jumper Days Street Closure”**

Laura Sanders, President Odessa Puddle Jumper Days is requesting street closure Thursday – Saturday, August 1-4, 2024 for the annual Puddle Jumper Days event.

Ms. Sanders stated that the carnival will have all the rides off the street by 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning so that traffic will not be impeded. She went on to say that the streets need to be closed on Monday, due to inspections that have to be completed for safety.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve the Special Event Permit for street closure for the annual Puddle Jumper Days event, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Special Event Permit “Annual Downtown Wine Walk”**

Kelley Burrus, Downtown Odessa Merchants Group requested street closer for Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the annual Wine Walk.

Ms. Burrus wanted to confirm if barriers would be in place. Chief Thompson stated that barriers would be placed on the outer streets so that no traffic can impede the area. Just like it is set up for the annual Halloween event. Alderwoman Polson wanted to make sure there was enough time for everyone to get their picnic and caterer's permits for alcohol.

Motion was made by Alderman Carey, to approve the Special Event Permit for street closure for the annual Wine Walk event, seconded by Alderman Plachte.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Motion of Approval “MOU for 2024-2025 School Resource Officers”**

Alderwoman Ehlert made a motion to approve the MOU for 2024-2025 School Resource Officers with the Odessa Missouri R-VII School District, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Presentation “Crisis Intervention Program**

Chief Thompson gave a presentation on the Crisis Intervention Program.

**Resolution No. 2024-12 “Law Enforcement Security Services”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Law Enforcement Security Services (“MOU”) Memorandum of Understanding with the First Baptist Church-Odessa.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2024-12, second by Alderman Carey, and carried with the following vote.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-13 “Emergency Dispatching Agreement”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the emergency dispatching agreement with the City of Higginsville.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Starr, to approve Resolution No. 2024-13, second by Alderwoman Polson, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-14 “CivicPlus”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Statement of Work (“SOW”) agreement with CivicPlus (formerly known as Municode) for supplementation and codification of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Polson, to approve Resolution No. 2024-14, second by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-15 “Cloudpermit Software”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement between the City of Odessa and Cloudpermit for software services for building permits, code enforcement, licensing and registration.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2024-15, second by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-16 “Lafayette County Gun Club”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement with the Lafayette County Gun Club and the Odessa Police Department for private use of the firearms training range.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2024-16, second by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 6-0.

**Resolution No. 2024-17 “Contract Agreement”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement between the City of Odessa and Triple C Underground for the construction of a waterline located in Downtown Odessa.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2024-17, second by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 5-Aye, 1 Abstain, 0-No.

**Bill No. 2024-08 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – “MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement with MPUA.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adopt Bill No. 2024-08 upon its first reading and pursue to second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**Bill No. 2024-08 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – “MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement with MPUA.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Polson, to adopt Bill No. 2024-08 upon its second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote. Motion carried 6-0.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Carrigan	yes	Alderwoman Ehlert	yes
Alderman Carey	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Plachte	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2024-08 became **Ordinance No. 3120**

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday, May 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Cancelled due to Memorial Day

Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Regular Session

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Alderman, a motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, seconded by Alderman Carey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

June 10, 2024

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan Barner  
Bryan Barner, Mayor

ATTEST,

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk