

**City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, May 12, 2025 | 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 Bruce Whitsitt	Present
Alderdwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderdwoman Donna Ehlert	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderdwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shawna Davis, City Administrator
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director
Josh Thompson, Police Chief
Troy Woutzke, Electric

Karen Findora, City Clerk
Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Kenny Snider, Wastewater
Lindsey Kolisch, Lauber Municipal Law

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan
Steve & Lisa Bailey
Shannon & Marshall Depree
Matt Kohly
Riley Pfannenstiel, Elec. Dept.

Laura Sanders
Jeff & Jennifer LeBlanc
Seth Howerton
Dave Giles
Boden Pillers, Elec. Dept.

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- April 28, 2025 – Regular Session

Alderdwoman Ehlert, moved to approve April 28, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderdwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner announced that the City of Odessa Police Department was officially awarded the [Missouri Blue Shield Designation](#) Award from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This prestigious honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement.



Mayor Barner congratulated Shawna Davis, City Administrator, for being nominated as an Outstanding Public Servant in the Top Influencers in Local Government through [ELGL](#).



Shawna Davis

City Administrator | City of Odessa, MO | [in](#)

Shawna is an exceptional small-town manager. She started her career in a budget office and brings a strong financial mindset to city management. Shawna is curious and thoughtful about trying new things and figuring out the most cost-effective strategies for the City of Odessa's success. She is so smart and asks razor-sharp questions that confirm she knows her stuff! Shawna conveys optimism to her entire team and helps others believe that any problem is solvable together. As the vice chair of Missouri Women Leading Government, she was instrumental in growing the Kansas City metro chapter of the organization. Her dedication to mentorship and community engagement underscores her role as a transformative figure in local government.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte – No Rpt.
- Alderman Carrigan – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Ehlert – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr – No Rpt.
- Alderman Whitsitt – No Rpt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

The city is pleased to announce that Cathy Thompson has been hired as the new Finance Director. Cathy brings over 15 + years of financial leadership, along with a strong background in budgeting, auditing, and financial planning. Her expertise and leadership will play a key role in managing the City's financial operations and supporting long-term financial sustainability. The city is confident that Cathy will be a valuable asset to the team and look forward to the positive impact she will have across all departments.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer LeBlanc, who is a city employee, thanked staff for the recent employee health fair. She also expressed gratitude to the Board for supporting city staff with outstanding benefits.

Marty McDermed, Planning Commissioner, expressed his sincere appreciation to City Administrator Shawna Davis for her willingness to listen and collaborate with the city's Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Staff

Troy Woutzke, Electric Superintendent announced the addition of two new Apprentice Lineworkers to the City of Odessa's Electric Department team, Riley Pfannenstiel and Boden Pillers. Both individuals bring great energy, an eagerness to learn, and a strong work ethic to the department. The City is fortunate to have them on our team and look forward to the contribution they will make in supporting our city's infrastructure and providing safe, reliable electric service to the community.

Special Event Permit ~ "Puddle Jumper Days Street Closure"

Jeff LeBlanc and Laura Sanders is requesting the yearly street closure for the upcoming Puddle Jumper Days event that takes place in August of each year. Ms. Sanders stated that the request is the same request as in prior years.

Thursday – Sunday, August 2025

7/31/2025 to Midnight 08/03/2025

(See map attached to [agenda](#) packet)

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve the Puddle Jumper Days street closure as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Polson.

Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2025-13 ~ “RingCentral”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-13 authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign a three-year (3) service commitment with RingCentral for the city phone system.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign a three-year (3) service commitment with RingCentral for the city phone system, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-0.

Recommendation and Appointment ~ Planning Commissioners

Mayor Barner recommended the appointment of Shannon Dupree and Seth Howerton to the Planning Commission, and requested approval by the Board.

Alderwoman Ehlert, moved to approve the appointment of Shannon Dupree and Seth Howerton to the Planning Commission, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 6-0

Resolution No. 2025-14 ~ “Socket, LLC Fiber Contract”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign a contract agreement with Socket, LLC and the City of Odessa for fiber internet services.

Dave Giles, Socket, LLC spoke on behalf of the company.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 authorizing the Mayor to approve and sign a contract agreement with Socket, LLC and the City of Odessa for fiber internet services, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion ~ Planned Unit Development Ordinance

Lindsey Kolisch from Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, spoke on the proposed PUD ordinance. The board discussed various additions and changes to the ordinance and agreed to send it back to the Planning Commission for further review at their Thursday, May 15 meeting.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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 Alderwoman Starr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

May 17, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk