

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, May 27, 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

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Diane White
Terry & Janet Shapino	Tawana Hoffman

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- May 12, 2025 – Regular Session

Alderdwoman Ehlert provided an update on the Finance Committee and expressed her gratitude to Cathy Thompson, the Finance Director, for ensuring that the committee's reports are current through March. She hopes to have the April and May reports completed in time for the June Finance meeting. Alderdwoman Ehlert noted that the committee did not review the purchasing policy but plans to do so at the June meeting. She also welcomed Alderman Bruce Whitsitt to the committee. Alderman Whitsitt requested that the staff examine the city's debt service for better insight.

Aldерwoman Ehlerl, moved to approve May 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.
Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR REPORT

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte attended the recent Planning Commission meeting, and stated that the commission reviewed the PUD and has asked staff to look at what other cities are requesting with their PUD's. Alderman Plachte thanked City Administrator Shawna Davis for her composure and level-headedness during the discussion of the PUD ordinance.
- Alderman Carrigan also attended the Planning Commission meeting and thanked Shawna Davis for facilitating the discussion on the PUD ordinance.
- Alderwoman Polson also attended the meeting but left before she could hear all the discussion.
- Alderwoman Ehlerl asked City Attorney Jeff Deane whether a quorum of the Board can remain in a meeting if they do not vote on anything. City Attorney Deane responded that if a quorum is present and city business is being conducted, the meeting must be officially noticed as such. This notice would indicate that a quorum is in attendance, but no votes will be taken. City Clerk Karen Findora posts this information for all city meetings that the Board of Aldermen may attend as a quorum. Mr. Deane advised that it is best practice for the board to refrain from intervening in the meeting, allowing the commission to report back to the board. He emphasized that it is important to avoid giving anyone the impression that they have been pressured to make a decision.
- 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.)

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Janet Smith, a business owner, has voiced concerns regarding her building and the challenges she is facing during its remodel. She also mentioned experiencing issues with the owner of an adjacent property.

Diane White, adjunct business owner, detailed the work she has done on her building to help address the conflicts between herself and Dr. Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Staff ~ “Galen Seitz, ANCO, Police Dept.

Josh Thompson, Chief Thompson introduced Galen Seitz, ANCO, Police Department.

Bill No. 2025-12 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ “Appoint Finance Director”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint Cathy Thompson to the position of Finance Director.

Alderman Whitsitt stated that the ordinance needed to be amended to read Cathy Thompson instead of Amy Finch in the title of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to amend the title of Bill No. 2025-12 to replace the name Amy Finch with Cathy Thompson, seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert as amended with the title change 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. 2025-12 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ “Appoint Finance Director”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint Cathy Thompson to the position of Finance Director, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, to adopt Bill No. 2025-12 as amended, replacing Amy Finch with Cathy Thompson, appointing her as Finance Director for the City of Odessa second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2025-12 became **Ordinance No. 3152**

Recommendation & Appointment ~ “Park and Recreation Board Appointments”

Mayor Barner recommended the appointment of Parks and Recreation Board members (3 Year Term).

Madeline Carrigan, Re-Appointment to 2028

John Elliot, Re-Appointment to 2028

Mike Duncan, Re-Appointment to 2028

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to approve the re-appointment of Carrigan, Elliot, and Duncan to the Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Plachte.
Alderman Collin Carrigan recused himself from voting.
Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No, 1-Recuse.

Motion of Approval ~ "MOU for 2025-26 School Resource Officer Program"

Mayor Barner asked for a motion for approval for the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding "MOU" with the Odessa R-VII School District and the City of Odessa, Missouri.

Alderwoman Starr, moved to approve the MOU with the Odessa R-VII School District, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.
Motion carried 6-0

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, June 9, 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 Alderman Carrigan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved:

June 23, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk