

**City of Odessa, Missouri**  
**Board of Aldermen**  
**Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street**  
**Regular Meeting ~ Monday, June 9, 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	Absent	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
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director	Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Josh Thompson, Police Chief	Kenny Snider, Wastewater
Troy Woutzke, Electric	Jeff Deane, Lauber Municipal Law

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Terrica Jones
John Holmes, Allstate Consulting	Carey Sayer, Allstate Consulting

**WELCOME OF VISITORS**

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The May 27, 2025 meeting minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the June 23, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Whitsitt requested that the Bond Rating be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Shawna Davis, the City Administrator, provided an overview of the S&P Global Bond Rating. Alderman Whitsitt asked the staff to review the negative aspects highlighted by the rating and to propose options for the Board to focus on in order to improve the rating.

Alderdwoman Ehlert made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.  
Motion carried 5-0.

## **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Barner mentioned that he and the board attended a recent strategic planning meeting and look forward to the next steps. He noted that with the recent threat of a tornado, the church was at full capacity. The city will explore other options to house those in need.

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Plachte announced that local resident Mike P. (Mike P's BBQ) was in the news for reuniting with his Desert Storm Army buddies.
- Alderman Carrigan expressed skepticism about the recent strategic planning retreat, but he noted that the funds were well spent and predicted positive outcomes.
- Alderwoman Polson - absent
- Alderwoman Ehlerth emphasized that the board must collaborate with the Planning Commission to revise the planning code for the benefit of the community.
- Alderwoman Starr stated that she was grateful for the tornado sirens.
- Alderman Whitsitt requested that the audio system be examined. Mayor Barner acknowledged the request is currently being addressed. Alderman Whitsitt expressed his enjoyment of the onboarding process and mentioned that he appreciated the opportunity to visit all the departments. He also shared his positive experience at the strategic planning meeting.

## **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**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Recognition of Staff ~ "Phillip Salmon: Recipient of the 2025 Missouri Investigators Association's 'Investigator of the Year' Award**

Chief Thompson recognized Lieutenant Phillip Salmon with the "Investigator of the Year" award from the Missouri Investigators Association. Congratulations, Lieutenant Salmon!



**Appointment ~ West Central Mo Solid Waste Management District F Appointment**

Mayor Barner requested a motion to approve Lindsey Adams, Parks Director, as West Central Mo Solid Waste Management District F. Lafayette County, with the change to the letter (serves as the cities of Lafayette County representative), seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 5-0.

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that one main goal for Ms. Adams is to assist in finding a HHW site for our region.

**Presentation ~ "Odessa Reservoir Repairs"**

Carey Sayre and John Holmes from Allstate Engineers presented an update on the city reservoir and spillway. After reviewing the entire presentation and discussing several options, the board instructed the staff to collaborate with Allstate to apply for a grant to assist with the repair costs.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Regular Session.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, seconded by Alderman Carrigan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

June 23, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner  
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk