

**City of Odessa, Missouri**  
**Board of Aldermen**  
**Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street**  
**Regular Meeting ~ Monday, September 22, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bryan Barner called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Alderwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderwoman Donna Ehlert	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Absent		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shawna Davis, City Administrator  
Karen Findora, City Clerk  
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director  
Josh Thompson, Police Chief  
Lindsey Kolisch, Lauber Municipal Law

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

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan  
Steve & Sandy Lockhart  
Dennis Hoff  
Luke Herring  
Vincent Barker  
Janel Levy

Terrica Jones  
Zachary & Kaleonahe Raines  
Janel Levy  
Michael Poggemeier  
Terry Sickler

**WELCOME OF VISITORS**

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

**AMEND AGENDA**

Alderwoman Ehlert moved to amend the agenda, removing the Code Enforcement discussion, and adding the easement agreement for a pump station with the Army Corps of Engineers, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.  
Motion carried 5-0

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that there was a deadline issue that came up. The Army Corps of Engineers requested that the easement be processed before their

fiscal year ends on 9-30-2025, which means it needs to be approved by this evening's meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- September 8, 2025 – Regular Session

Alderwoman Ehlert moved to approve the consent agenda along with the September 8, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted, as well as the two (2) 9<sup>th</sup> Street project change orders, seconded by Alderwoman Polson.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that there is one change order for the 9th Street project where Kat Excavation is the contractor. There are technically five items, with two being deducts and three being additions. There have been some setbacks due to the lack of permitting. When the city pushed the bidding out before December 31st to secure the city's ARPA funds, it did so before obtaining permits from the city's engineers. This caused a delay in the start time, which resulted in some price increases from Kat Excavation due to tariffs. Additionally, DNR has said that the city needed to add extra insulation to the above-ground sewage pipe, which resulted in an addition. There were also two pump stations that were supposed to be removed, but ended up not being removed, leading to deducts. The total impact of the change order is \$38,000, including both the additions and the deducts.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

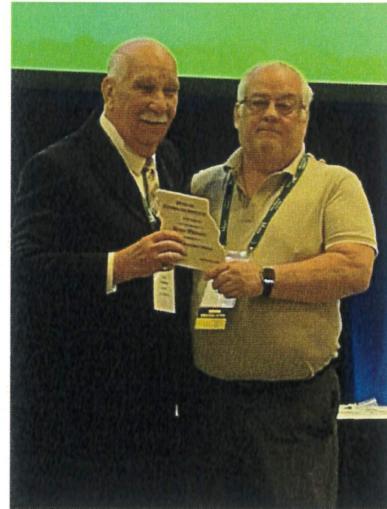
Mayor Barner attended the 2nd Saturday on Second Street and invited everyone to the October 2nd Saturday event scheduled for October 11th. Mayor Barner visited Hazel Carter to wish her a Happy 101st Birthday; sadly, Hazel passed away soon after. Our thoughts are extended to Hazel's family. Mayor Barner and Terrica Jones will attend a Mo Main Street meeting in Brookfield, MO.

### **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Plachte attended the MML Annual Conf. and spoke on some of the workshops he attended. He also provided a Planning Commission report.
- Alderman Carrigan – No report.
- Alderwoman Polson attended the MML Annual Conf.
- Alderwoman Ehlert received a call about an easement.
- Alderwoman Starr attended the MML Annual Conference.
- Alderman Whitsitt attended the MML Annual Conf.

Alderman Mike Plachte and Alderman Bruce Whitsitt received their MGI award thru MML. Alderman Plachte also earned the Advanced MGI award.

Congratulations to both Aldermen!



## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING ~ Rezoning / 091825-01 “R-1 to “R-3” / 8<sup>th</sup> St. & Mason**

Open: 7:03 p.m.

Close: 7:16 p.m.

#### Speakers Opposed – no one spoke in favor

Concerns: spot zoning, water runoff, single housing to multi-family, currently in the area is tall weeds, traffic, unsafe for children in the area, and highly intensive zoning.

Steve Lockhart – 106 N Wells Street

Dennis Huff – 78 W Mason

Janel Levy – 815 W Dryden

James Townsend – 2035 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Luke Herring - 805 W Dryden

Mike Poggemeier - 205 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Vincent Barker – 208 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Kaleonahe Raines – 111 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street

### **PUBLIC HEARING ~ Code Amendment Chapter 50, “Outdoor Wood Boiler”**

Open: 7:16 p.m.

Close: 7:19 p.m.

#### Speakers In Favor – no one spoke opposed

Issues:

Steve Lockhart – 106 N Wells Street – has a wood boiler, would like to upgrade it to a more efficient boiler.

Dennis Huff – 708 West Mason

Sandy Lockhart – 106 N Wells Street – against the ban of outdoor wood boilers.  
Mike Poggemier – 205 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street – doesn't think that maintaining the boilers would be a problem.  
Kaleonahe Raines - 111 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street – doesn't see a need to ban boilers.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Barner read two proclamations.  
Constitution Week ~ September 17 – 23, 2025  
Missouri Good Neighbor Week ~ September 28 – October 4, 2025

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Bill No. 2025-21 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ “Rezone ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Mason”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-21, rezoning certain property located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Mason from “R-1” Single Family Dwelling District to “R-3” Multi-Family Dwelling District, and amending the official zoning map of the City of Odessa, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to adopt Bill No. 2025-21 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion: Alderwoman Ehlert stated that she is completely opposed to the rezoning. Alderman Plachte expressed that, because of the neighborhood's impact, concerns with spot zoning, public opinions, property value issues, sewer, water, and traffic, he is opposed. Alderwoman Polson stated that one of the questions we ask ourselves is, 'Is this good for Odessa? Is this good for Odessa's future?' Based on the situation with the number of houses and the number of residents opposed to it who live there, she, too, is opposed to the rezoning.

#### **Bill No. 2025-21 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ “Rezone ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Mason”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-21, rezoning certain property located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Mason from “R-1” Single Family Dwelling District to “R-3” Multi-Family Dwelling District, and amending the official zoning map of the City of Odessa, second reading only.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adopt Bill No. 2025-21 upon its second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Ehlert	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Carrigan	absent

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No, to read the second reading only.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to deny Bill No. 2025-21, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Ehlert	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Carrigan	absent

Motion carried to DENY 5-Aye, 0-No.

#### **Bill No. 2025-22 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ “Public Sewer Connections”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-22, amending Section 40-402 to require that when land is annexed into the City, all houses, buildings or properties for human occupancy, employment or other purposes be connected to the City's public sewer system, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to adopt Bill No. 2025-22 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion: Alderman Whitsitt requested a definition of the term 'buildings.' Shawna Davis, the City Administrator, stated that if a bathroom with running water is intended for human use, it should be connected to the city sewer.

Staff will remove the comma after 'buildings' in Sec. 48-402(e).

#### **Bill No. 2025-22 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ “Public Sewer Connections”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2025-22, amending Section 40-402 to require that when land is annexed into the City, all houses, buildings or properties for human occupancy, employment or other purposes be connected to the City's public sewer system, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adopt Bill No. 2025-22 upon its second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Ehlert	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderman Carrigan	absent

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2025-22 became **Ordinance No. 3161**

**Resolution No. 2025-25 ~ “2025-2030 Strategic Plan Report”**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-25 of the City of Odessa, Missouri, adopting the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and its implementation plan.

Discussion: Alderwoman Ehlert questioned when the annual report should be published. Ms. Davis suggested a January Annual Report. The board can change anything in the strategic plan at any time.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 Strategic Plan Report, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ~ MOICAC “Mo Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force”**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert to approve the MOU for MOICAC, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No

Josh Thompson, Chief of Police, stated that Odessa would be the second law enforcement agency to join this task force behind the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department.

**Motion & Second ~ “Assist with Mutual Aid Assistance at the 2026 FIFA Men’s World Cup”**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Polson to allow the Odessa Chief of Police to submit a letter of preliminary commitment to assist with mutual aid assistance supporting public safety operations for the 2026 FIFA Men’s World Cup, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert. Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No

Discussion: Alderman Whitsitt asked about our financial exposure. He expressed concern that the city might be responsible for the costs. Chief Thompson explained that the federal government has already allocated those funds. He confirmed that the funds are available and approved. Alderman Whitsitt inquired if the funds are in hand and secured. Chief Thompson confirmed they are, but how the funds are spent depends on Kansas City PD's security needs. They are currently assessing this and need to know if there is a preliminary commitment. It's not a signed MOU, so it doesn't obligate the city at this point. However, it allows the Kansas City Police Department to determine how many interested parties would be willing to assist if necessary. Chief Thompson added that he would have

more information after the start of the year. Alderwoman Ehlert stated that mutual aid in the past has benefited us twofold.

**Resolution No. 2025-26 ~ "Donation of an Easement to the US Army Corps of Engineers"**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-26 approving the donation of an easement over certain city property to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project.

Discussion: Alderman Whitsitt questioned some of the wording in the ordinance. Ms. Davis stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has been eager to complete this by the September 30 deadline. They sent the documents to the city, and Ms. Davis contacted Jeff Deane at Lauber today after speaking with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Deane requested additional revisions. Staff is requesting the mayor's approval to sign the agreement once it is ready, including the necessary revisions. Alderwoman Polson asked what would happen if they do not meet the deadline. Ms. Davis explained that September 30 marks the end of their budget year.

Motion was made by Alderman Ehlert, to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 approving the donation of an easement over certain city property to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project, second by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

**DISCUSSION ~ Code Enforcement**

This item will be moved to the Monday, October 13, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting.

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session.

**Alderman ~ Request for New Items:**

**Global Payment Direct ~ Credit Card:**

Alderwoman Ehlert requested a discussion regarding the fees for the global payment direct credit card fees. Currently, the city budgets \$14,205 per month, but the average is \$25,000. The discussion is scheduled for October.

**Action:** Alderman Whitsitt made a motion to have a discussion on the Global Payment Direct Credit Card fees, seconded by Alderman Plachte. Motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, seconded by Alderwoman Starr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No.

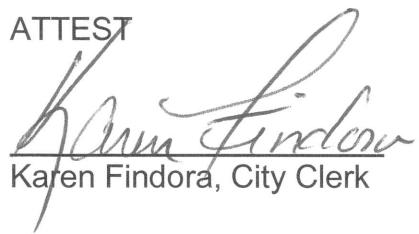
Approved:

October 13, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA

  
Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

  
Karen Findora, City Clerk