

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, October 13, 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	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan
Shelly Milner
Terrica Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Shapiro
Amy Burnett
Curtis Jones
Nichole Rice
Tyler Wells
Daniel Robison
Zachary Stayer
Danette Iman
Tonya Beaks

Michael Chambers
Rebekah Rose
Topaz Baker
Brenda Barner
Chris & Nicol
Elvis Rice
Douglas Byers
Martin Sipek
Sara Brundage
Nate Mangelsdorf
Madaline Carrigan
Christian Nicholls

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- September 22, 2025 – Regular Session

Alderwoman Ehlert, moved to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted along with the 9th Street ARPA Pay Application #3, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner thanked everyone for attending the National Night Out event. He also expressed appreciation to everyone who worked on the Community Clean Up event.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte said he was contacted by a resident who questioned all the flags and street markings around town. He explained that these are from fiber optic companies laying cable lines. Alderman Plachte also responded to the letter posted in the paper. He pointed out that Odessa once had only one cable company to choose from, but now there are several.
- Alderman Carrigan thanked everyone for National Night Out and asked if there was a reason it was scheduled on a weeknight instead of a weekend. He mentioned that many families have soccer practice and games throughout the week. Alderman Carrigan said he wished he had known more about the Community Clean Up event so he could have helped spread the word. He also thanked the soccer coaches, the parks director, and everyone involved in the recreation programs.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Ehlert – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr – No Rpt.
- Alderman Whitsitt said he met a young entrepreneur last Saturday, who impressed him with their business plan. He said those kids are the future of the community.

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 ~ “Mobile Food Truck Vendors & Downtown Businesses”

Michael Chambers ~ 425 S Russell Street, Odessa, MO

Shelly Milner ~ 2692 Steelman Road, Odessa, MO

Rebekah Rose ~ no address listed

Terrica Jones ~ 6824 Hwy 131, Odessa, MO

Madaline Carrigan

Topaz Baker ~ Soda Pop

Tyler Wells ~ 451 Pizza

Tonya Beaks

Elvis Rice ~ King's Kitchen

Manford Smith ~ Midwest Rolling Thunder

Christian Nicholls

Mayor Barner asked Alderman Whitsitt to coordinate with Tyler Wells from 451 Pizza and discuss feedback about what other cities offer their food truck vendors in terms of fees and services.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PROCLAMATION ~ “World Polio Day”

Mayor Barner read a Proclamation announcing October 24, 2024, as World Polio Day.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 2025-23 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ “Purchasing Policy”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance adopting a purchase policy for the City of Odessa, Missouri, setting forth guidelines and competitive bidding procedures for the procurement of goods and services, and repealing all prior purchasing policies, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, to adopt Bill No. 2025-23 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2025-23 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ “Purchasing Policy”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance adopting a purchase policy for the City of Odessa, Missouri, setting forth guidelines and competitive bidding procedures for the procurement of goods and services, and repealing all prior purchasing policies, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adopt Bill No. 2025-23 **AS AMENDED** upon its second reading and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson, 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. 2025-23 became **Ordinance No. 3162**

Bill No. 2025-24 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ “2026 FIFA World Cup ~ Liquor”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance exempting the City of Odessa, Missouri, from temporarily extending hours for selling, serving, and allowing consumption of intoxicating liquor within the City of Odessa during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Platche, to adopt Bill No. 2025-24 upon its first reading and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-0.

Bill No. 2025-24 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ “2026 FIFA World Cup ~ Liquor”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance exempting the City of Odessa, Missouri, from temporarily extending hours for selling, serving, and allowing consumption of intoxicating liquor within the City of Odessa during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ehlert, to adopt Bill No. 2025-24 upon its 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. 2025-24 became **Ordinance No. 3163**

Resolution No. 2025-26 ~ “Lime Sludge Removal”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-26 authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with Midwest Injection, Inc. for the removal and land application of lime sludge solids at the City of Odessa, Missouri water treatment facility.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, to approve Resolution No. 2025-26 authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with Midwest Injection, Inc. for the removal and land application of lime sludge solids at the City of Odessa, Missouri water treatment facility, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.

Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2025-27 ~ “Tree Trimming & Removal”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-27 authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. for tree trimming and removal services for the City of Odessa, Missouri.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to approve Resolution No. 2025-27 authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract with Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. for tree trimming and removal services for the City of Odessa, Missouri, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.

Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2025-28 ~ “Disposition of Records”

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2025-28 approving the disposition of records that have met the required retention periods in accordance with RSMO Chapter 109 and applicable state retention schedules.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan to approve Resolution No. 2025-28 approving the disposition of records that have met the required retention periods in accordance with RSMO Chapter 109 and applicable state retention schedules, seconded by Alderwoman Ehlert.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion ~ Code Enforcement

Aldermen Carrigan asked if the Code Enforcement portal has an option to allow the public to view present code violations as well as historic violations on a piece of property. Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that staff did look into the request, and the software doesn't allow for those uses.

Discussion ~ Mobile Food Trucks

Mayor Barner said he requested to add this item to the agenda before the email from Downtown Collective was sent out. He mentioned that it is a concern for downtown business owners and food truck operators. He wanted to discuss the general use of Railroad Park and the use of food trucks there. He asked whether the process is effective or if changes are needed. He questioned if the ordinance balances the interests of business owners and food trucks. Mayor Barner said he would appreciate more feedback so they can reach a resolution—whether improvements are necessary or if everything is fine as it is. Alderwoman Ehlert stated that the ordinance is not outdated; the board approved the Mobile Food Vendor ordinance two years ago. She explained that a lot of work went into it, and she sees no reason to make changes. Ehlert added that after hearing everyone this evening, they might consider charging a fee to use Railroad Park, but Alderman Whitsitt is going to check what the city will offer in return to vendors using the park. Whitsitt said he will speak with Tyler Wells, 451 Pizza, and Terica Jones, Downtown Collective. Alderman Plachte suggested looking at what other cities do. Ehlert confirmed that the city already did extensive research on how other cities manage food vendor operations. Alderwoman Polson said that it is an ordinance the board should review after listening to the public tonight.

Staff will wait to hear back from Alderman Whitsitt after his discussions with Tyler Wells and Terica Jones.

Discussion ~ Strategic Plan ~ Community Engagement

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, reviewed Community Engagement in the newly adopted Strategic Plan.

Measurement Items:

- Increase the number of social media posts
- Employees should complete training in conflict resolution and communication.
- Increase participation in meetings and events.
- Customers who express satisfaction in transaction-based surveys.

Action items the staff developed:

- Host a civic academy
- Create a public relations internship
- Conduct citizen-led focus groups
- Implement a work order management process so the public can report and monitor service needs
- Improve customer satisfaction in transaction-based surveys
- Recognize and celebrate community contributions.

Board Suggestions:

- Surveys with QR code, survey cards, Survey Monkey, so that customers can provide their feedback for all departments
- Annual Year in Report outside of budget season
- Post more Social Media posts on the City Facebook page

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

None

Adjourn to Closed Session

Alderwoman Ehlert made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:49 p.m. Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential attorney-client communication. As well as, Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (12), Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed records, proposals, and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected, seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-0.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session.

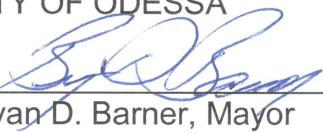
Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderwoman Starr, seconded by Alderwoman Polson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

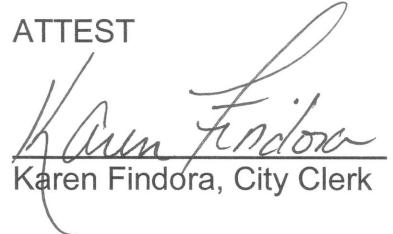
Approved:

October 27, 2025

CITY OF ODESSA


Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST


Karen Findora, City Clerk