

**City of Odessa, Missouri  
Board of Aldermen  
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street  
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, April 27, 2026 | 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**

Karen Findora, City Clerk, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bruce Whitsitt	Present
Alderswoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderswoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderman Carl Crabtree	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Amy Finch
Adam Couch	Thomas Hotmer
Jonathan Miller	Steven Deal
Jerod W.	Tom Asher
Sara Hawthorne	Stan B.
Robby Rucker	Adam Huffman
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**WELCOME OF VISITORS**

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

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Alderman Whitsitt moved to approve the consent agenda and the April 13, 2026, Regular Session meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

## **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Barner gave his final Mayor Report to the board. He stated that he is very thankful for the opportunity to serve the community over the past five years. He stated that he had a lot of fun, learned a lot, and is thankful for the board and staff. He enjoyed doing the Odessa Insight Podcast and attending the Chamber Ribbon Cutting. He went on to say that he enjoyed visiting with the folks at the nursing home. He stated that it was all a good experience. Mayor Barner went on to thank his wife of 46 years, stating that she kept him grounded.

## **ALDERMEN REPORTS**

- Alderman Plachte stated that there are two items that will be heard later in the agenda that were heard by the Planning Commission.
- Alderman Carrigan – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Polson thanked Mayor Barner for his service as Mayor of the City of Odessa.
- Alderman Crabtree – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr read a statement on the ECA rate and how it was handled. Alderwoman Starr stated that the board has to start rebuilding trust with the community. The only way to do this is to show solidarity with the community of Odessa.
- Alderman Whitsitt stated that he met with staff to discuss the ECA rates and to develop a spreadsheet that Shawna will discuss later in the meeting. He also discussed the possibility of holding a workshop to move forward and for the board to make a decision on how to set those rates for the coming years.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING ~ Rezoning ~ RZ-04-2026**

Open: 6:23 p.m.

Close: 6:26 p.m.

In Favor: Robby Rucker, CEO, Advanced Industries,  
301 R Kelly

Mr. Rucker stated that the rezoning of this land is part of their growth plan. The business is bursting at the seams. Most of the work coming out of Advanced is for US military defense, with a 70% increase in supplies. He stated that most of the employees are from Odessa.

Opposed: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING ~ Rezoning ~ RZ-05-2026**

Open: 6:27 p.m.

Close: 6:28 p.m.

In Favor: None

Opposed: None

Note: the parcel id listed in the agenda for RZ-05-2026 was incorrect. The correct parcel ID # is 23-1,0-02-1-000-044.010.

**PUBLIC HEARING ~ Ordinance Amendment ~ Chapter 50 Zoning, Sec. 50-58, Off-Street Parking**

Open: 6:29 p.m.

Close: 6:34 p.m.

In Favor:

Tom Hotmer, 720 E Main St., Odessa: Mr. Hotmer spoke about the affordability of houses and the parking ordinances. He stated that his understanding is that the number of bedrooms will impact the number of parking spaces required. He stated that building smaller homes that may require larger parking spaces will leave owners without a front yard or curb appeal. He stated that he just submitted permits for a three-bedroom, two-bath property that is 50 feet wide. He stated that it's expensive for the builder – homeowner.

Steve Bailey, 8807 Hwy. 131, Odessa: Mr. Bailey stated that he has been speaking with Shawna Davis and Cathy Thompson specifically about Lakeview Drive, where there are duplexes without adequate parking. Residents are parking in the street, making it difficult to enter The Hill Subdivision. He suggested widening the driveways.

Alderman Polson and Alderman Crabtree are concerned about the ability of trash trucks, the fire department, etc., to get through the roadways where parking is allowed on the street.

Opposed: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Johnathan Miller, 812 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Odessa, read a statement on the Mo State Audit.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill No. 2026-11 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ General Municipal Election Candidate Results**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-11, of the proposed ordinance accepting the results of the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election as provided by the Lafayette County Clerk, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-11, of the proposed ordinance accepting the results of the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election as provided by the Lafayette County Clerk, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-11 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ General Municipal Election Candidate Results**

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-11, of the proposed ordinance accepting the results of the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election as provided by the Lafayette County Clerk, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan to adopt Bill No. 2026-11, of the proposed ordinance accepting the results of the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election as provided by the Lafayette County Clerk upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderman Carrigan	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderman Crabtree	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-11 became **Ordinance No. 3175**

**Recognition of Outgoing Mayor and Aldermen**

Mayor Barner, Alderman Carrigan, and Alderman Crabtree, were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the City of Odessa.



Mayor Bryan Barner ~ Shawna Davis, City Administrator



Alderman Carl Crabtree, Mayor Bryan Barner, Alderman Collin Carrigan

**Adjourn Sine Die**

The meeting recessed briefly for a presentation and for the Oath of Office of the newly elected officials.

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt  
Alderwoman Ward I, Micky Starr  
Alderwoman Ward II, Amy Finch  
Alderman Ward III, Forest Palmer



Mayor Bruce Whitsitt



Alderwoman Mickey Starr Ward I



Alderwoman Amy Finch Ward II



Alderman Forest Palmer Ward III

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m., and led in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Karen Findora, City Clerk, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt	Present	Alderman Forest Palmer	Present
Alderwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderwoman Amy Finch	Present	Alderman Mike Plachte	Present

**Resolution No. 2026-16 ~ Declare Vacancy on Board of Alderman**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-16 declaring the Board of Aldermen seat previously held by Alderman Bruce Whitsitt, Ward Three (3), vacant effective April 27, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-16 seconded by Alderwoman Polson.

**Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No**

**Resolution No. 2026-17 ~ Appointment to Board of Alderman**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-17 appointing Rachel Wrenn to the Board of Aldermen Ward Three (3), to fill the unexpired term of Alderman Bruce Whitsitt ending April 6, 2027, subject to oath of office.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-17 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No**

**Oath of Office**

Karen Findora, City Clerk, provided the Oath of Office to Rachel Wrenn, Alderwoman Ward III.



Alderwoman Rachel Wrenn Ward III

**Proclamation ~ Local Government Week**

Mayor Whitsitt read a Proclamation for Local Government Week.

**Proclamation ~ National Day of Prayer**

Mayor Whitsitt read a Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer.

**Bill No. 2026-12 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026~  
Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-12, Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-12, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-12 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 ~  
Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-12, Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-12, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner 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 Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-12 became **Ordinance No. 3176**

**Bill No. 2026-13 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 ~ Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-13, Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 / Agricultural (Lafayette County) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-13, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 / Agricultural (Lafayette County) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #:

23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson.  
**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-13 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 ~ Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-13, Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 / Agricultural (Lafayette County) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-13, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Rezoning / RZ-04-2026 / Agricultural (Lafayette County) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, 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 Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-13 became **Ordinance No. 3177**

**Bill No. 2026-14 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 ~ Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-14, Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 / AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-1-000-044.010 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-14, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 / AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-1-000-044.010 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-14 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 ~ Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holding, LLC**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-14, Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 / AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-1-000-044.010 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-14, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Rezoning / RZ-05-2026 / AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Light Industrial) / Unaddressed Property – Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-1-000-044.010 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC, property owner, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-14 became **Ordinance No. 3178**

**Bill No. 2026-15 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Repealing Replat of Asher Meadows**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-15, Repealing a Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-15, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Repealing a Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-15 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Repealing Replat of Asher Meadows**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-15, Repealing a Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-15, of the proposed ordinance accepting the Repealing a Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, 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 Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-15 became **Ordinance No. 3179**

**Bill No. 2026-16 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Replat of Asher Meadows**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-16, approving the Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision and Part of the NW ¼,

Section 6-T.48-R.27 located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-16, of the proposed ordinance approving the Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision and Part of the NW ¼, Section 6-T.48-R.27 located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-16 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Replat of Asher Meadows**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-16, approving the Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision and Part of the NW ¼, Section 6-T.48-R.27 located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-16, of the proposed ordinance approving the Replat of Asher Meadows, all of Lots 3 & 4 of Alumbaugh's Subdivision and Part of the NW ¼, Section 6-T.48-R.27 located within the City of Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-16 became **Ordinance No. 3180**

**Bill No. 2026-17 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Acceptance of Sewer Infrastructure**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-17, accepting sanitary sewer infrastructure for three (3) separate parcels, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-17, accepting sanitary sewer infrastructure for three (3) separate parcels, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-17 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Acceptance of Sewer Infrastructure**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-17, accepting sanitary sewer infrastructure for three (3) separate parcels, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-17, accepting sanitary sewer infrastructure for three (3) separate parcels, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-17 became **Ordinance No. 3181**

**Bill No. 2026-18 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Code of Ordinance Amendment Chapter 50 off-Street Parking**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-18, Amending Chapter 50 Zoning, Article II., Div. 2, Section 50-58 relating to Off-Street Parking for all R-1 Zones of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-18, Amending Chapter 50 Zoning, Article II., Div. 2, Section 50-58 relating to Off-Street Parking for all R-1 Zones of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Discussion:** There was extensive discussion regarding off-street parking. A suggested amendment for the Planning Commission to discuss in May is that single-family dwellings will have two parking spaces per dwelling unit.

**Bill No. 2026-18 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Code of Ordinance Amendment Chapter 50 off-Street Parking**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-18, Amending Chapter 50 Zoning, Article II., Div. 2, Section 50-58 relating to Off-Street Parking for all R-1 Zones of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances, as amended for Sec. 50-58 (1) and (2) to read two parking spaces per dwelling unit for both single-family and garage apartment units, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-18, Amending Chapter 50 Zoning, Article II., Div. 2, Section 50-58 relating to Off-Street Parking for all R-1 Zones of the City of Odessa Code of Ordinances, as amended for Sec. 50-58 (1) and (2) to read two parking spaces per dwelling unit for both single-family and garage apartment units, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Bill No. 2026-18 became **Ordinance No. 3182**

**Bill No. 2026-19 Introduction and 1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Acceptance of Public Works Infrastructure**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-19, accepting the public works improvements within and for The Hill Subdivision (Phase 1) contingent on receipt of as-builts, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-19, accepting the public works improvements within and for The Hill Subdivision (Phase 1) contingent on receipt of as-builts, first reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

**Bill No. 2026-19 Introduction and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Acceptance of Public Works Infrastructure**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-19, accepting the public works improvements within and for The Hill Subdivision (Phase 1) contingent on receipt of as-builts, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Palmer to adopt Bill No. 2026-19, accepting the public works improvements within and for The Hill Subdivision (Phase 1) contingent on receipt of as-builts, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion Alderwoman Finch.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	abstain	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Finch	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

**Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No, 1-Abstain.**

Bill No. 2026-19 became **Ordinance No. 3183**

**Resolution No. 2026-18 ~ FIFA Men’s World Cup Mutual Aid Agreement**

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-18 authorizing the Chief of Police to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department for agency assistance in supporting public safety operations for the 2026 FIFA Men’s World Cup.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-18 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No**

**DISCUSSION ~ Credit Card Fees**

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director. Back in 2019, during COVID, the city covered credit card processing fees to encourage people to pay online so they didn’t have to come into City Hall. Since then, the city has been paying those fees, which is no longer feasible. Earlier this year, the board voted to pass those fees back to the customer. The city

switched from Global Payments, the prior processor, to Tyler, the city's software. The processing fee was 4.50%. The switch didn't go smoothly, so staff is asking the board to approve switching back to Global Payments, which would drop the processing fee to 3.50%. Ms. Thompson stated that she would like to continue negotiating that fee with Global Payments. The e-check and e-commerce fees would be negotiated as well.

Alderwoman Wrenn asked why staff made the change. Ms. Thompson stated that Tyler Tech. said they could handle it all, which would take the city out of the equation. It didn't work. Global payments can only pass through the credit card processing fee. For e-checks and e-commerce payments, the city would still be billed. The city will have to collect that portion of the fee and then pay it to Global Payments. They will not charge for debit cards. Please note that debit cards can be run as credit, so there is a fine line on the user's end. The switch back to Global Payments would not require a new contract.

The consensus of the board was to proceed with Global Payments.

### **DISCUSSION ~ Electrical Rate**

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, stated that there are many factors and conversations the board will need to address. Ms. Davis proposed a utility rate workshop.

### **May 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting ~ Amend or Cancel Meeting Date**

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, to cancel the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to observe Memorial Day, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No**

Ms. Davis stated that there will be a hearing for Rumors Bar & Grill at 5:30 on May 11, 2026. More information will follow.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to hold an Utility Rate Workshop on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No**

### **Aldermen ~ Request for New Items**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Starr to discuss the Advanced private drive and parking. Seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

**Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No**

### **Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:**

Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Plachte, seconded by Alderwoman Polson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. **Motion carried 6- Aye, 0-No.**

Approved:

June 8, 2026

CITY OF ODESSA

Bruce Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora  
Karen Findora, City Clerk