

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, June 8, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt 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 Bruce Whitsitt	Present	Alderman Forest Palmer	Present
Alderdwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderdwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderdwoman Amy Finch	Present
Alderdwoman Rachel Wrenn	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	Joe Lauber, Lauber Municipal Court

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Paulina Hart
Terry & Janet Shapino	Bobby Rucker
Jeff & Jennifer LeBlanc	Steve Lockhart
Sandy Lockhart	Katrina Manning
Andrew Williams	Jerry Reis

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Whitsitt welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda.

- April 27, 2026 – Regular Session
- May 11, 2026 – Regular Session
- May 26, 2026 – Special Meeting / Workshop

Alderman Plachte moved to approve the April 27th, May 11th, and May 26th meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderdwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitsitt stated that he hoped everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day. He went on to say that we should not only remember those who have passed on for this great country, but also those who are still living and give their all so that we can all be free Americans.

Mayor Whitsitt announced exciting business news. He attended a ribbon-cutting for Blue Smoke BBQ and stated that a new plumber is coming to town, and that an ice cream shop and an Indian restaurant will soon open.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte stated that he recently attended a Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the Marlow Street vacation and continued the discussion on parking in general.
- Alderwoman Wrenn – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Polson reminded everyone to check out the upcoming 4th of July events.
- Alderman Palmer – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Starr requested that the fountains be installed at Lake Venita. She stated that the lake is very unsightly.
- Alderwoman Finch – No Rpt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Lockhart, 106 Wells St., Odessa, MO

Mr. Lockhart stated that he had spoken to City Administrator Shawna Davis to discuss the Malow Street alleyway. He stated that he has two (2) box trucks, a boat, and a lowboy trailer. Backing in and out of the location once the fence is installed may be a challenge. He requested that extra gravel be placed in the alley and that the trees be trimmed. Ms. Davis stated that both will be completed by staff.

Alderwoman Polson asked if Advanced Industries could assist with the cost of gravel and tree trimming.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Recognition ~ Jennifer LeBlanc

City Administrator Shawna Davis recognized Jennifer LeBlanc for earning the MACA Advanced Certified Court Administrator (MACCA) certification.



Presentation / Motion to Approve ~ Odessa Little League Proposal

Katina Manning and Andrew Williams of Odessa Little League presented a proposal to install field lights on the Southwest grass field at Odessa High School. Ms. Manning stated that the school district has reviewed and approved the proposal. The cost of the electricity to run the lights will be paid for by the school district. The league will maintain the lights and pay for the replacement of LED lights. The league is requesting that the city provide the poles and install the lights. The league will take care of the trenching and boring. The on/off switch will be housed in the shed.

Bill No. 2026-22 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Vacation / VAC-01-2026 ~ East Marlow Street ROW

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-22, of the proposed ordinance declaring the vacation of East Marlow Street Right-Of-Way between Block 1 and Block 2 of McBurney's Addition Subdivision, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch to adopt Bill No. 2026-22, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-22 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Vacation / VAC-01-2026 ~ East Marlow Street ROW

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-21, of the proposed ordinance declaring the vacation of East Marlow Street Right-Of-Way between Block 1 and Block 2 of McBurney's Addition Subdivision, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-22, of proposed ordinance declaring the vacation of East Marlow Street Right-Of-Way between Block 1 and Block 2 of McBurney's Addition Subdivision, upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-22 became **Ordinance No. 3186**

Resolution No. 2026-19 ~ Right of Refusal Agreement

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-19 approving the Mayor to authorize a Right of Refusal Agreement between the City of Odessa and Advanced Industries, LLC.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-19 seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No

Resolution No. 2026-21 ~ Master Rental Agreement

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-21 approving the Mayor to authorize a Master Rental Agreement between the City of Odessa, Murphy Tractor, and John Deere Financial for the lease of a mini excavator.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-21 seconded by Alderwoman Wrenn.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No

Discussion ~ Liquor Sale Hours for Bars

Alderman Mike Platche requested a discussion of liquor sales hours for bars in Odessa. After much discussion, the consensus of the board was to leave the hours as is.

Discussion ~ Parking on Dryden Street

After much discussion, the board reached a consensus to leave Dryden St. as is and revisit the issue if parking issues arise.

Discussion ~ Extension of ECA Application Deadline

Alderwoman Wrenn requested that the board discuss extending the application deadline for ECA credits. After much discussion, the board agreed to the following:

- Do not require a waiver for any accounts.
- Credit current customers without requiring an application or waiver.
- For accounts that are not currently active, allow until the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2027) to submit an application.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

None.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Adjourn to Closed Session ~ Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1)

Alderwoman Starr made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:22 p.m., Pursuant to RSMO 610-021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential attorney/client communication, Alderwoman Polson.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderwoman Starr, seconded by Alderwoman Finch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. **Motion carried 6- Aye, 0-No.**

*The foregoing minutes are a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. For a complete verbatim record, including audio/video recording, please refer to the official meeting recording available on the City's website.
<https://www.cityofodessamo.com/>*

Approved:

June 22, 2026

CITY OF ODESSA

Bruce Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk