



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

**JULY 9, 2013**

On July 9, 2013, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

Members present: Mayor David R. Turner; Council members: Roger T. McNeil, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; Dean Combs, District Four; and Sandra Carrasco, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager, Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; James Zentner, Assistant City Manager; Michael Marrero, Assistant City Manager; other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

A quorum being present, Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Rev. Roger McNeil, St. James Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mrs. Grimaldo stated that each speaker would have three minutes to speak and there would be no assigning his or her time to another speaker. A 30 second warning would be given.

**Economic Development update** – Guy Andrews, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development, presented a report on economic development in the city. He stated that the website provided an updated report of statistics, projects and other good information. There were 8,619 businesses in Odessa. In 2012, there was \$94.6 million in single-family building permits and new commercial permits there was \$23.7 million. A total of all building permits were \$385 million. Odessa drives on industry, energy, education and medical. He reviewed the oil/gas stats. Odessa was the largest oilfield in North America and second largest in the world. The medical area was expanding and Odessa was thriving on higher education. Two railroad tracks were under construction. Mr. Andrews reviewed the status of the new construction in the Industrial Park. Baker Hughes was building the largest sand facility.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. City Council minutes, June 25, 2013;
- B. City Council workshop minutes, June 25, 2013;
- C. Laserfiche Document Management expansion;
- D. **Ordinance No. 2013-38 – Renew the taxi franchise for Korieck Bruns, d/b/a Independent Taxi;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2013R-45 – CUDD Pumping Service, Inc. tax abatement agreement;**
- F. Regulating front yard parking for vehicles and boats;
- G. Renew wrecker service contract with Neal Pool Rekers;

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Carrasco that item F. be removed from the consent agenda. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Council member Carrasco and seconded by Council member McNeil that the consent agenda be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

**Ordinance 2013-39 - Regulating front yard parking for vehicles and boats.** Leonard Bee, 409 E. 35<sup>th</sup> St., was opposed to the ordinance. He stated that the city should provide parking with city funds. The cost to make a concrete slab was high. Peggy Box, 406 E. 45<sup>th</sup> St., was opposed to the ordinance.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Carrasco to amend the ordinance to remove the six foot fence requirement. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member McNeil that the ordinance be approved as amended on second and final approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### BID AWARD

**Bid award for 18" Line "K" Interceptor along JBS Parkway sewer line rehabilitation and manhole replacement, Phase 9.** Matt Squyres, Public Works Director, stated that five bids were received. He recommended that Insituform Technologies in the amount of \$457,180 be awarded the bid.

Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member Graff that the bid be awarded as recommended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### PUBLIC HEARING

**Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of DJK, Inc., owner, RSP Permian, LLC, leasee/agent, for original zoning of Future Development-Drill Reservation (FD-DR) on approximately 11.75 ac. (2 sites) in Sections 3 and 10, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland Co., Texas; also approval of the request of Wyly and Fredna Brown Partnership, Ltd., owner, RSP Permian, LLC, leasee/agent, for original zoning of Future Development-Drill Reservation (FD-DR) on approximately 7.6 ac. (2 sites) and rezone from Retail-One (R-1) to Retail-One-Drill Reservation (R-1-DR) on approximately 3.1 ac. (1 site) in Sections 3 and 10, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector and Midland Co., Texas (north and south of the vicinity of Hwy. 191 and proposed Mission Blvd.).** Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the zoning which was vacant. The zoning would facilitate oil/gas development. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member McNeil and seconded by Council member Bryant to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### ORDINANCE

**Establish a reduced speed school zone.** Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the request was for an additional zone. The area was evaluated and it warranted for a reduced speed school zone near Noel Elementary. The city would install and maintain the school zone.

Motion was made by Council member Carrasco and seconded by Council member Graff to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## RESOLUTION

### **Resolution No. 2013R-46 - Outside agency requests for funding FY2013-14 budget.**

Jo Ann Davenport-Littleton, 1005 Pine St., stated that the requested funding would fund three events: Martin Luther King, Black History Month and Juneteenth. She thanked city staff for their assistance with the event. If the funds were not given then the events couldn't be hosted. Odessa hosts the largest organized Juneteenth celebration in Texas. It has doubled in size.

Autumn Vest, 9600 Wright Dr., gave details of the upcoming Air Sho on October 11–13. She discussed the museum and other events with from the Commemorative Air Force.

Linda Sweatt, Convention and Visitors Bureau, stated that in 2011 there were over 47,000 visitors. This year over 55,000 visitors has been secured. There were 30 groups already secured. She thanked the Council's support over the years.

Don Stice, 146 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., stated that the funds promoted events at the Ector Theatre. The request was more due to increase in costs for advertising and bringing in events. He discussed an education program and the West Texas Symposium using the Ector Theatre as a venue.

Richard Esparza, 29 Royal Manor, stated that Fiesta West Texas was the third largest in the state. Team Roping had 150 teams this past year. Friday night was country night and had an increase of 25% growth for that night. Over 30,000 people attended the event including people from surrounding counties.

Kay McDowell, 4675 Valleybrook, thanked the Council for its support. The Heritage Holiday parade was the largest Christmas parade that has cash awards and floats from outside the area. She stated that the advertising was more expensive.

Julie Marshall, 3949 Dumont Dr., stated that the Junior League assists with at-risk families. There were two projects that they assist. The \$15,000 request would be for advertising the merry market place. Last year, there were 6,000 shoppers. She thanked the council for their support.

Norlene McBride, 119 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., stated that Main Street revitalizes the downtown area. It hosts Hot Summer Nights and Fandango which was a success. She stated that there was the opportunity to create a convention center downtown.

Bruce Shearer, 1709 Emerald Ave., stated that the Council for the Arts promotes cultural. The funds would assist with marketing expenses. The majority of the funds were sub granting and mini-grants. Steve Goff, 1702 N. Sam Houston, thanked Council for its support of the arts. John Landgraf requested for funds for public art at the intersection of Parkway and University and at that same corner. The funds requested was within the 15% allowed for art funding. Council member Combs thanked Dick Gillham for all his services performed of public art throughout the city. Gratitude to Mr. Gillham was given.

Manny Puga , Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber has three small business incubators that contribute to the economy.

Dan Laverqne, 4201 Andrews Hwy., stated that the Jackalopes was a junior team of 17 – 20 year olds. Thirty games were played from October – March on Friday and Saturdays. About 650 hotel rooms were used during the season. The Jackalopes promote Odessa in education and charities.

Erika Chavez, 8421 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St., stated that the funds were to promote Hope Fest, which is an event that will assist with Hope project. The clients are helped to become self-sustaining.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Fall Festival has grown from 800 attendees the first year to 4,000 attendees last year. The Ratliff Ranch request would be for advertising and during the oil show there was extended advertising. Starbright Village had under 50,000 cars this past year in addition to the people walking. It was a great destination point for the Christmas holiday. The conference funding would assist with the hosting costs. Council member Graff thanked the Parks Department for hosting family events.

Sherry Snodgrass, 6500 Eastridge Rd., stated that the funds would promote family entertainment for the fair. It's a nine day event with 1,000 exhibitors and vendors. Over 65,000 attendees attend the fair. There would be scholarships this year.

Doug Tull, Rock the Dessert, stated that it was the fourth largest festival and the funds would promote advertising. The tickets were affordable and many youth attend.

Roger Turner, 1300 SCR 1130, stated that January was the 80<sup>th</sup> year of the rodeo. There were 1,000 contestants and 39,000 attendees.

Nick Hernandez, 1109 S. Sam Houston, thanked the Council for its support. The car show was in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year and it was the longest running car show. Last year, there were 700 participants and 50% were from out of town.

Kenny Comstock, 6901 E. Hwy. 191, stated that the Crossroads Marathon held four events with one qualifying to the Boston marathon. There were 530 participants with 20% from out of town. The marathon promotes health and wellness.

Stella Neboh, 6448 Richwood, stated that the West Texas Track Club held three track meets and give scholarships. The children needed the program.

The coliseum was a contractual amount.

Tammy Hawkins, Teen Court, reported that Teen Court competed in Ft. Worth and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There was a small increase in the requested funding. She has seen a good support from the parents and community.

Vern Foreman, 811 W. 25<sup>th</sup>, stated that Crime Stoppers was active for 30 years and 22,000 calls were taken. There has been 534 arrests and 7,000 cases cleared since inception. The calls taken find and receive information and it was passed to law enforcement. It has recovered \$11 million in stolen property.

Each Council member gave his or her recommendation for funding. The sports events recruitment was an incentive program that was replenished.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Combs that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote by funding the following:

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| Black Cultural Council                      | \$ 45,000 |
| Commemorative Air Force                     | 50,000    |
| Convention and Visitors Bureau              | 962,877   |
| C&V Bureau/Sports Events Recruit            | 100,000   |
| Friends of Ector Theatre                    | 50,000    |
| FWT Odessa Productions, Inc.                | 50,000    |
| Heritage Holiday                            | 20,500    |
| Junior League of Odessa                     | 15,000    |
| Main Street Odessa                          | 115,450   |
| Odessa Council for Arts & Humanities        | 400,000   |
| Odessa Council for the Arts – public art    | 338,250   |
| Odessa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce         | 50,000    |
| Odessa Hispanic Chamber – Viva La Fiesta    | 5,000     |
| Odessa Jackalopes Hockey Team               | 60,000    |
| Odessa Links                                | 30,000    |
| Parks Department – Fall Festival            | 60,000    |
| Parks Department – Ratliff Ranch Golf Links | 130,000   |
| Parks Department – Starbright Village       | 111,000   |
| Parks Department – Conf./Rodeo/Trade show   | 29,000    |
| Permian Basin Fair & Exposition             | 95,000    |
| Rock the Desert                             | 50,000    |
| Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo               | 75,000    |
| Texas Tours Entertainment                   | 50,000    |
| West Texas Crossroads Marathon              | 25,000    |
| West Texas Track Club                       | 55,000    |
| Ector County Coliseum                       | 50,000    |
| Administrative Costs/Audit Fees             | 14,665    |

General Fund requests:

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| Crime Stoppers | \$45,000 |
| Teen Court     | 49,933   |

There was a short break from 7:47 to 7:54 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2013R-47 - Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Odessa, Texas, relating to the giving of notice of intention to issue City of Odessa, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013.** Mr. Morton stated that the resolution would give an intent of issuing debt up to \$55 million for street, drainage and/or parks projects. With the growth of the city, it would meet the needs of our community without raising taxes.

Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Appointment of Boards: Odessa Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Development Advisory Committee and Traffic Advisory Committee. Appointment of Officers: Board of Survey, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Permian Basin MH/MR Board of Trustees.** Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Carrasco that the following be reappointed:

Larry Brown appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;  
Margaret Jones reappointed to the Permian Basin MH/MR Board of Trustees.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Citizen's comments on non-agenda items.** No action.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TMC, CMC  
City Secretary

David R. Turner  
Mayor