



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

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

On February 11, 2014, 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; 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 Pastor Bobby Bell, Tree of Life Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, January 28, 2014;
- B. Purchase police package unmarked vehicles from Sewell Chevrolet in the amount of \$231,649;
- C. Renew contract with Suson Corporation for the food and beverage operations at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links;
- D. Odessa Parks Foundation proposed park improvement projects for 2014;
- E. **Resolution 2014R-09 – Federal Bureau of Investigation reimbursement agreement.**

Motion was made by Council member Graff and seconded by Council member Bryant to remove Item D. from the consent agenda. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014R-10 – Odessa Parks Foundation proposed park improvement projects for 2014. Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation. Reported that two proposed projects would be funded through the Odessa Parks Foundation with the dollar donation program. The projects were within the scope of the Master Plan. Floyd Gwin Park was funded \$86,000 for playground equipment that was just completed. The proposed projects would be for Optimist Park. It was a popular park but does not have playground. The foundation would donate \$70,000. The structure would be like Murray Fly's playground. Central park is the other proposed project. There is no playground and would be heavily used. The structure would be like San Jacinto's playground which would accommodate 60 – 85 kids. The project would include a safety structure. The park would be utilized by the Boys and Girls Club next door. The Parks Foundation would donate \$100,000 from the dollar donation program. Council member Graff thanked the public for donating a dollar to better the parks in the neighborhood. Mr. Patton reported that private donations were also given towards the two projects. The Ferguson Foundation donated \$45,000 to Optimist Park and the Hemphill Foundation donated \$35,000 to Central Park. The funds would be

added to the additional Parks Foundation donation. He stated it allowed more amenities with the additional funds.

Motion was made by Council member Graff seconded by Council member Bryant to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

BID AWARD

Bid award to Parks Legado Road for west half paving. Matt Squyres, Director of Public Works, stated that Parks Legado Road would be paved on the road's west half. He recommended that the bid be awarded to Williams Paving and Excavation in the amount of \$391,299 to pave west half of Parks Legado Road.

Motion was made by Council member Combs seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the bid award as recommended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 2-1-4, entitled "Advisory Committee", of Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled "Animal Control". Tim Burton, Police Chief, stated that the proposed amendment would be more detailed regarding the committee.

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

Motion was made by Council member Combs seconded by Council member Graff to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014R-11 - Revitalization Plan for the City of Odessa and provide support for an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated that the revitalization plan was the same area covered by the Community Development Block Grant target area. The plan would be utilized for low affordable housing. The tax credit application would be for the construction of affordable apartment housing. The area had many older homes and the resolution would allow for affordable housing and construction in the revitalization area.

Motion was made by Council member Graff seconded by Council member Carrasco to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Board: Community Development Advisory Committee, Midland Odessa Urban Transit District and Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Council member Combs seconded by Council member Bryant that Chris Flores, Thomas Blackstone and Manny Puga be reappointed to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. None.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Turner reconvened the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. Bruce Taylor, 2501 Park Blvd., stated that the cost of living was very expensive especially the rent. He had solutions for the housing situation. Mr. Taylor suggested asking citizens to pay more taxes to build citizen apartments. Non-profit organizations would assist in the construction of the homes and have a joint partnership with Odessa College for students to construct the homes. He stated that a solar power plant should be built for energy.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor