



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

JANUARY 28, 2014

On January 28, 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 Randy Duckett, Second Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Turner presented Odessa Police Corporal Jeremy Walsh a Hometown Hero Award for providing a pair of boots to a homeless man.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, January 14, 2014;
- B. **Ordinance No. 2014-06 - Approval of the City of Odessa, owner, Devon Energy, leasee, to rezone from Light Industrial (LI) to Light Industrial-Drill Reservation (LI-DR) approximately 2.2 ac. tract in Section 47, Block 42, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (southeast of S. Dixie Blvd.);**
- C. **Ordinance 2014-07 – Request of 2012 Cross B, LLC, owner, for original zoning of Special Dwelling District (SPD) on approximately 60 ac. tract and rezone from Future Development-Drill Reservation (FD-DR) to Special Dwelling District (SPD) approximately 2.1 ac. tract in Section 45, Block 41, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (southeast of the intersection of proposed Chisolm Ranch Road and Deer Creek Ranch Road);**
- D. Purchase from Hydra-Stop for hydra-stop fitting inventory in the amount of \$48,172;
- E. **Resolution 2014R-04 – Necessary signatures in connection with City Funds;**
- F. **Resolution 2014R-05 –Appropriate \$7,250.00 in unprogrammed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Boys and Girls Club - Woodson Unit;**
- G. **Ordinance 2014-08 - Amending Article 1-5 of the City Code entitled “Departments”, adding section 1-5-15 “Department of**

- Community Development”;**
H. Review monthly financial summary report for December 2013;
I. **Resolution No. 2014R-06 – Necessary signatures in connection with Municipal Court City Funds.**

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Graff that the consent agenda items be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014R-07 - Cancel the contract for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated that that the city went into contract for \$1,496,249 to purchase foreclosed properties and sell the homes to families below a specified income level. Eleven homes were purchased and one was sold. Due to issues in an increase in incomes, shortage of homes and difficult to secure contractors, she recommended paying back the funds and sell the ten homes in the open market.

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

Resolution No. 2014R-08 - Approval of budget transfer to implement the Comprehensive Classification and Compensation Study. Mr. Morton stated that Public Sector Consultants was hired to obtain a study and reshaped job descriptions. The market average was based on 21 cities. The goal was to hit market average and for an employee to reach mid-point in his or her career. He stated to adjust to market average for the positions that needed it would cost \$1,859,460 from February 1 - September 30, 2014. The annual cost would be \$2.8 million. He recommended implementing the recommendations from the study and for all employees to receive a 2% pay increase.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Board: Community Development Advisory Committee and Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. No action.

Citizen’s comments on non-agenda items. Nelda Rose, 60 Royal Place Circle, thanked the Council for the beautification on 5th Street.

Lori Baker, 4900 Locust, stated that the Animal Shelter treated the animals badly. The kennels were not cleaned and 75% of the animals were put down. Holly Dool, 4510 Conley Dr., stated that in 2013, 5,976 animals were put down and only 6.5% were adoptable. She shared two bad experiences with the Animal Control within the last 24 hours.

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

ATTEST:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED:

David R. Turner
Mayor