



ODESSA

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

On November 12, 2014, a joint meeting of the Odessa City Council and the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) was held at 9:00 a.m., in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas.

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

Member absent: Council member Sandra Carrasco, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Filiberto Gonzales, Council member-Elect; Snyder Odessa City Council members, Big Spring City Council members; John Grant, General Manager; CRMWD members; and members of the news media.

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

Recognize Visitors. Introductions were made from the Odessa City Council, Big Spring City Council, and the Snyder City Council.

CRMWD Employees of the Year. CRMWD recognized 2014 employees of the year.

Routine Business. The CRMWD members took action on its routine business.

Water Quantity and Quality Report – Cole Walker reviewed each of the lakes' water levels. The water quality would be collected and the results would be known next month. Ivy continues to be the main source of water and would be subsidized with the groundwater if needed.

System Operation Report – The Snyder, Big Spring and Odessa systems were reviewed on the capacity of each system. In 1958, the Odessa System expanded from a 27" pipeline to a 33" pipeline for the two reservoirs. This provided 34 million gallons a day to Odessa. The Ward system was expanded in 2012 and was tied to the second Odessa reservoir. Total system capacity to the Odessa reservoirs was 46 million gallons a day. The CRMWD raw water delivery system pumping capacity was 174 million gallons a day.

General Manager's Report – Mr. Grant reported that the Snyder Pump Station will be reviewed for an upgrade. He discussed the Swift funding that is a fund to jump-start water projects across the state at a lower interest rate.

CRMWD 50th Anniversary Video – A video, history of the water system, was shown.

There was a short break.

CRMWD General Update - Mr. Grant stated that the cost to replace the cathartic protection system was \$50 million. If monitored, the system would have a longer life span. He discussed the aquifer and the water extraction from the groundwater. Council member Graff

asked if the levels of the groundwater was shrinking. Mr. Grant stated that the aquifer was used by CRMWD and there were other aquifers around it. The wells were designed to control how deep to extract water. It would be a number of years before extracting the water at a high level of salinity. Mr. Grant stated that there was 20 years of water of groundwater. The projection methodology was reviewed. The master plans will be considered to be updated. Mayor Turner asked about the water plan and how it would address the dynamic growth. Mr. Grant stated that the board took into consideration the activity and could make changes if needed. The migration rate would be considered.

Mr. Grant stated that the City of Midland's contract term expires in 2029. At this time, Midland did not intend to renew the contract. Although If consideration for a renewed contract, negotiations would take place. The water plan projected assumptions in its supply of water. There were several plans in place. Council member Combs asked if water could be sold to commercial customers. Mr. Grant stated that CRMWD welcomed new customers and would sell water.

Mayor Turner asked if water would be supplied if the lakes went dry. He highlighted the growth population numbers of Odessa. Mayor Turner proposed that Odessa would pay for the expansion of Ward Field. Odessa needs a guarantee of water. Odessa would pay for the cost of the expansion and it would not cost any money for the other cities. All citizens need water and now was the time to develop and increase the capacity of Ward Field. Mr. Grant stated that the District was willing to discuss it with Odessa. He would take the proposal to the CRMWD board.

Mr. Grant stated that if the lakes became dry, the Ward well could get water to Big Spring and Snyder. There were different cost estimates to move the water back to Big Spring. There were other areas of groundwater but the owners must be willing to sell.

Mr. Morton stated that Odessa was in a sense of urgency to move forward and take action on the proposal. Council member Combs stated that there would be an increase in costs in capital, labor and material, and a commitment needed to be made. It was critical to take action and move forward with the project.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor