



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

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

On February 5, 2019, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 5:00 p.m., in the fifth floor conference room, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

City Council present: Council members: Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City Council absent: Mayor David R. Turner and Council member Malcolm Hamilton, District One.

Others present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Gary Landers, Interim City Attorney; Cindy Muncy, Interim Assistant City Manager; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; and other members of City staff.

Council member Bryant called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Sprawls gave the invocation.

Change rental rates for Sherwood and Woodson Family Aquatic Centers and the Junior League Jungle Sprayground. Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the YMCA, who operates the City pools, requested an increase in after hour fees for rentals at Woodson and Sherwood pools and the Jungle Sprayground. Last year, there was a shortage of lifeguards. He reviewed the proposed rates and it would cover operational costs. He explained there was early season closure, bad weather and lack of staff that caused low attendance last year. There would be an employee incentive if they stay to the end of the season. The fees have been the same since 2013.

Authorize the abandonment of alley right-of-way. Yervand Hmayakyan, City Engineer, stated that the location was S. Grant and S. Lee for an abandonment of alley right-of-way. The City would retain the easement for the water line.

Interlocal agreement between the UTPB and the City regarding radio communications. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the agreement would allow UTPB to connect 52 radios to the radio system. There was no additional cost to the City but it would bring in \$49,920 over six years.

Authorize the City to accept and appropriate funds for the overtime reimbursement of \$3,893. Chief Gerke stated that an officer provided services for the Marshal's office. It will reimburse \$3,893, a partial amount, for his overtime services.

Purchase equipment for Ratliff Ranch Golf Course for \$159,046. Mr. Urrutia reviewed the equipment to be purchased for the golf course. It would be purchased through Professional Turf Products for \$159,045.87.

Purchase 15 outfitted police package vehicles and equipment for \$990,800. Mr. Urrutia stated that 15 police vehicles were purchased as a rotation every fiscal year. Siddons-Martin would outfit the vehicles for \$990,800.

Adding Section 12-3-16 to the City Code entitled “Parking of Commercial Motor Vehicles. Natasha Brooks, Senior Assistant City Attorney, stated that the ordinance would allow Police to enforce parking in the commercial zoned areas. Chief Gerke supported the ordinance.

Amend City Charter with results of special election. Mr. Landers stated that the ordinance would provide for codifying the City Charter due to the special election results.

Review allocation of 2018 annexed areas to single member districts. Mr. Landers provided a map that included all the annexed areas into the single member districts. Each district had allocation of annexed areas.

Amend City Code by adding Article 14-20 to Chapter 14, Downtown Overlay Zone. Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, stated that the amendment would provide for the Downtown Overlay Zone to be placed in the Code of Ordinances and would be placed behind the Zoning Ordinance.

RDB Commercial Properties Industrial District agreement. Atasi Bhavsar, Senior Assistant City Attorney, stated that the Industrial District was outside the city limits and it would be for office use. Mr. Landers stated that there were water lines close to the area and RDB agreed to be annexed. He stated the process was quicker if it was an Industrial District. He explained the process of annexation and the Industrial Districts. The contract does not provide complying with City codes. He stated that there were no mechanisms in paying the fees. After further discussion on the fees to be paid to the City, the City should contract out for collection. Council member White was concerned with the code compliance. Council member Bryant stated that the annexation needed to be an educational process.

Burwell Enterprises Industrial District agreement. Ms. Bhavsar stated that a portion of the land was inside the City limits. Burwell agreed to be annexed. There was a water line on Hwy. 385, which was near the location. The company would pay the costs to extend to the water line for services.

Revised resolution authorizing City’s nomination of Liberty Oilfield Services as a Texas State Enterprise Zone Project. Mr. Landers stated that Liberty was outside the Enterprise Zone and it changed the requirements to create more new jobs.

Discussion on Utilities Cost of Service and Rate Study. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, provided a brief review on the Water Wastewater Master Plan. The City’s contract with ECUD expires September 2019 and was planning to be stand-alone in the future. The Cost of Service and Rate study would identify costs, needs, and the rate structure. He reviewed the tasks for the study. The cost was \$47,500. The Water Wastewater plan was under review and finalized in six weeks. Notification on raising the rates and fees should be made.

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There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Dewey Bryant
Mayor Pro Tem