



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

MARCH 5, 2019

On March 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: Mayor David R. Turner; 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: Council member Malcolm Hamilton, District One.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; 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.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

Mayor Turner gave the invocation.

Bid award for the repairs/replacement of playground safety surfacing. Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the safety surfacing was a better product and more durable. The funds were from budgeted supplemental funds. The time line was two weeks for the completion of the project.

Bid award for the 2019 traffic signal improvements. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the traffic light was for Billy Hext and Eastridge. The contractor was Willis Electric for \$193,330.

Authorize an agreement with Kimley-Horn for design and bidding phase services for certain projects identified in the CIP of City's Water Master Plan. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the design service included the design for the NE water system, elevated tank, pump station and the SW system. The design would take a year and the construction was two years. This critical project was due to developments. The cost was \$2,402,500. Kimley-Horn was knowledgeable with the project. The Pioneer funds would be used. Pioneer funds was guaranteed for over \$9 million a year that would expand every five years.

SCS Engineers agreement to conduct a Solid Waste Systems Evaluation and Master Plan. Mr. Kerr stated that SCS would conduct an evaluation of the solid waste system. The study included evaluation of fiscal management, administrative, operational and equipment management. If there were a transfer station, the trash would be shipped out the same day due to regulations. The building would be enclosed.

City to accept LEOSE funds. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the State funding received was \$11,024 with no cash match. The fund was used for law enforcement training.

Agreement with Ector County to access Odyssey System. Chief Gerke stated that the Odyssey system was used for booking. Access would provide the officers to facilitate the booking process.

Necessary signatures in connection with Municipal Court Cash Bond Account Funds. Mr. Urrutia stated that this would remove an employee that was no longer with the City and add Judge Jones and himself to the account.

Discuss potential sale of 417 N. Grant. Mr. Urrutia stated that the RFP was offered three different times. The proposal was to fit in the context of activating Downtown. He provided the history of the property, which had a total investment of \$135,805. The one bid that was received was for a sale price of \$50,000 for a concept of an outdoor garden as an amenity to the Rose Building. Mr. Marrero stated that there was very little revenue. Council member White could not see getting the amount invested for a lot. Council member Dean would like to see a nice structure. She stated that John Herriage was invested in downtown. Provisions could be included in the contract. Mayor Turner would like more information on the plans for the lot. Council member Bryant would like to counter the offer to \$75,000. The Council agreed.

Clarification and discussion of Senate Bill #2. Mr. Landers explained the history of the bill, which has come up in the legislative session for several years. He explained the rollback. Most Texas cities expect to protect local control. Council member Bryant stated that the State did not control local exemptions. The Council provided 17% of exemptions. Council member Willis stated that, as a new Council member, more time and information was needed to understand the bill. Council member Dean stated that Council needed to be sensitive to the people and Council should listen. Council member Bryant stated that there were several tax public hearings and citizens do not show up. Council member White suggested a FAQ sheet be provided for information to citizens. Council member Dean stated that there needed to be ways to communicate with the citizens and explain the projects to citizens.

Update of Line P. Mrs. Muncy reported that the Pioneer funds was \$11.35 million for the end of this year. Mr. Kerr explained Line P. John Landgraf, Landgraf Crutcher & Associates, reported that Line P was part of the plan for many years. The need of Line P and Line Q was due to the growth in the North and East of the city. He explained the history of the lines. The lift station was at capacity. The design would be completed in two to three months. The construction would take 18 months. Mr. Landgraf explained the ETJ. There was 76 oilfield pipelines to cross with Line P. The cost was \$22.8 - \$25.2 million. In the next phase, there would be a \$1 million savings. He explained the piping would have a longer life expectancy and explained the bid process. The owners could not refuse the City to lay the pipe but could make it difficult. Contact with the landowners was made.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David Turner
Mayor