



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

**APRIL 16, 2019**

On April 16, 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: Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

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:

Council member Dean gave the invocation.

**Reject bids for Floyd Gwin pool fence replacement.** Steve Patton, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that one bid was received at \$90,000 for a fence replacement around the pool. The amount was over the budgeted amount. He recommended rejecting the bid and attempting a rebid in the fall. The fence would be mended for the summer season.

**Purchase ambulance for Fire/Rescue.** John Alvarez, Fire Chief, stated that the ambulances would be a turnkey package, a fully outfitted ambulance. Siddons Martin was the vendor for \$335,825.29. It was a new ambulance to be added to the fleet.

**Bid award for the school zone improvements project.** Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that school zone beacons would be installed for better driver awareness at San Jacinto Elementary and LBJ Elementary schools. The bid award was to Willis Electric for \$37,000. He would try to schedule installation during the summer.

**Bid award to Cummins Southern Plains LLC for generator.** Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities introduced Shane Bowles. Mr. Bowles stated that the standby by generator was required by TCEQ. The generator would provide water and power the entire plant. The generator cost was \$625,462.

**Annexation of property into Ector County Utility District (ECUD).** Mr. Kerr explained that the ECUD contract stated that any annexation into ECUD had to be approved by the City. The annexation would be supplied water by ECUD. It allowed the City to monitor the usage and sale of water to ECUD. The five properties added would not cause any undue burden.

**Amend budget for purchase and install an on-course restroom.** Mr. Patton stated that the toilet would be solar powered. There was no electricity in the area. It would take five to six months to construct. A reservoir would be used for the wastewater. The cost was \$125,958.

**Rochester property for housing.** Mr. Marrero stated that there was an opportunity for added housing on Rochester and Seminole. A private developer was interested in developing housing. He stated an RFP could be done to provide options for the best use of the area. Mr. Urrutia stated that the lot was seven acres. It was used as City storage. A developer to build low to moderate-income housing approached the City. There was an I-20 connection. Forty-one homes could be developed on the land. The housing could be single or multi-housing. The infrastructure cost would be approximately \$875,000 for water, sewer, curb and street. There was little to no cost for gas and electric. The utilities were available. An environmental assessment may be needed at a cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. The professional services was about \$70,000. The current property was \$46,000, undeveloped. Council member Hamilton wanted to bring in working class families. He asked for a screen wall be placed facing I-20. Council member Bryant stated that it needed to be affordable housing and the families should be able to qualify for financing. Council member Sprawls suggested zero lot lines for more housing. Mr. Marrero stated many families would like the room. The Council had a consensus to proceed with the RFP.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

David R. Turner  
Mayor