



**CITY COUNCIL and ECTOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

JUNE 11, 2019

On June 11, 2019, a joint meeting of the Odessa City Council and Ector County Commissioners was held at 1:33 p.m., at Ector County Administration Annex, County Commissioners Courtroom, Suite 120, 1010 E. 8th St., 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.

Ector County Commissioners present: Ector County Judge Debi Hays; Ector County Commissioners: Eddy Shelton, Dale Childers, and Greg Simmons.

Commissioner absent: Armando Rodriguez.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; others, and members of the news media.

Judge Hays reconvened the Ector County Commissioners to order.

A quorum being present, Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Bryant gave the invocation.

Mayor Turner thanked the elected officials for their time. He stated that the meeting was an opportunity to open the lines of communication, be aware of the county and city needs, and work on projects. Judge Hays stated that this was an opportunity for future planning.

Discuss the City of Odessa and Ector County interlocal agreements. Mayor Turner stated that the master agreement was signed in 2001. He stated that the scope of the agreement may have changed. He suggested a committee be established of two Council members and two Commissioners to review the agreements. Commissioner Shelton suggested city and county staff be included as they may have the knowledge of the services provided. Council member Dean stated that the master plan encompasses prior addendums. She stated that there were different agreements with different services. The agreements should be reviewed individually, modified and updated. Judge Hays stated some agreements might not be needed. The committee would review and research the agreements. Commissioner Shelton stated an annual review could be done. Council member Hamilton suggested placing deadlines for the update of the agreements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Childers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to appoint Debi Hays, Gregg Simmons and Dusty Gallivan to the City and County interlocal agreement committee. The Commissioners approved the appointments.

The Council will appoint its members at the next Council meeting.

Discuss the Ector County Courthouse. Mayor Turner stated that the courthouse was a value to downtown and the City would like the courthouse to stay downtown. The City was willing to work and assist in keeping the courthouse downtown. Assistance could be done with land acquisitions or other possible opportunities. Council member Dean suggested a committee to discuss specifics on financial and other needs. She stated that the courthouse was the anchor for downtown. Judge Hays stated that the courthouse was an important issue but was not critical as other issues needed to be handled with the County. Employees must be hired to handle the new addition of the jail. She reported that law enforcement, illegal dumping, and roads were important issues with the citizens. She stated water was also an issue. Commissioner Shelton stated the courthouse was still a need and appreciated the City's efforts to assist. The County needed to handle its immediate needs.

Council member Bryant stated that Odessa was going through unprecedented times and the future should be considered for the citizens. A dialogue was needed to move forward in future planning. There was opportunity for partnerships. Commissioner Shelton stated that long term planning was needed and to be aware of each other's planning. Commissioner Childers stated more communication was needed. Judge Hays stated the population will grow for Ector County and the courthouse needed room for expansion to adequately serve the people. The elected officials agreed to continue the dialogue with the courthouse committee that comprised of Commissioners Shelton, Council members Hamilton and Bryant. Council member Dean agreed to serve on the courthouse committee. An update to the officials should be sent after the committee meetings. Commissioner Shelton stated that the management staff was working together to solve trash issues. The County and City attorneys were in communication regarding the annexation. A protocol was in place for annexation. Dusty Gallivan, County Attorney, asked that the City suspend the payments until a new agreement was made. Council member Bryant urged for the officials to get a resolution on the agreements before any changes were made on payments. He stated that the payments should be continued. Gino Solla, Director of Ector County Health Department, stated that the health budget was drastically reduced. He recommended and asked the city to consider taking on public health. Any public health services outside the city limits could be handled through an interlocal agreement. Mr. Solla stated that the City's code enforcement would enhance the public health department.

The courthouse committee was scheduled for June 24 at 10:30 a.m. The interlocal agreement committee was scheduled on July 2 at 10 a.m.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor