



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

JULY 2, 2019

On July 2, 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 Sprawls gave the invocation.

Renewal for school crossing guard and agreement with ECISD for cost sharing. Jo Ann Samaniego, Director of Purchasing, stated that the renewal was for school crossing guard services. The cost was shared with ECISD and it was the third year. There was a 3% cost increase. Mr. Marrero stated that in the past it would tie up the officers by assisting as a crossing guard.

Award contact for purchase of water meters. Mrs. Samaniego stated that the purchase was for 1,000 water meters. The meters would be stored at the warehouse as inventory. The total cost was \$129,600. The items were budgeted out of Utilities.

Bid award for laboratory supplies. Tom. Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the chemicals for the lab purchased by Fox Scientific for \$68,699.

Discuss water quality improvement. Mr. Kerr stated that the design report would be completed this week. There were some cost increases. The preliminary design was for the Water Treatment Plant and RO. The design could be done without the RO facility. The RO was on hold based on the RFP. He stated that no proposals were received for the brine stream. He reviewed the proposal and its options. He reviewed the concerns raised including time of water availability, logistics, sand mining operations, and the paying options. He explained the sand operations usage of water. According to standards, the water could be discharged into the Monahans Draw with permits. The companies preferred purchasing alternate water as opposed to raw water. Mr. Kerr stated that many did not want to make a long-term commitment. He would continue visiting with the companies. The cost of the Water Treatment Plant design would not go down. He discussed the benefits of the RO facility in regards to its customers. The wastewater quality would be improved and there would not be as much corrosion for the plant system. Council member White stated others have expressed concerns of the RO running through the water lines. She stated it was a lot of money and water. Council member Dean stated it was a wonderful project but it was not a priority with the other needed projects. It may be in the future.

Outside agency requests for funding for FY 2019-20 budget. Mrs. Muncy reported that there was a projected total of Hotel/Motel revenues of \$6.6 million for September 2019. Staff recommended spending up to \$3 million and building the balance back up for possible future projects. There were agencies that depended on the Hotel/Motel tax revenue. Over \$4 million of funds were requested. The General Fund request was \$302,170. She explained the process of Council allocating the funds. Mayor recommended saving funds for the sports complex or any other events. Council member Hamilton stated the agencies provided an improved quality of life and the requests should be considered. Council member Dean stated that funds needed to be set aside and the requests improved the quality of life. Mayor Turner had a concern of the City used funds for marketing for the profit agencies. Mr. Marrero stated that the City verified the criteria after the award and was reviewed for compliance. Council member Bryant agreed that funds needed to be set aside for the future and a limit be set on the amount to be funded. Discussion was held on some of the requested projects. Council member Willis stated that the reserved amount be used for a future project as it was not designated at this time. The Council agreed that a cap be set.

Discuss mobile homes in District 1. No discussion.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor