



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

OCTOBER 23, 2012

On October 23, 2012, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

Members present: Mayor Larry L. Melton; Council members: Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; and Dean Combs, District Four and Sandra Carrasco, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager, Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Michael Marrero, Assistant City Manager; other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

A quorum being present, Mayor Melton called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Mayor Larry Melton, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Pro Tem Combs presented a proclamation for White Cane Safety Day.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Minutes, October 9, 2012;
- B. Purchase 30 sets of bunker gear from Casco Industries in the amount of \$51,403.20;
- C. **Resolution No. 2012R-91 – Ratify the Firefighter I position description;**
- D. **Resolution No. 2012R-92 – Alarm Registration Management System (ARMS) agreement for the purpose of providing an on-line alarm registration and database management system;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2012R-93- Receive the Emergency Management performance grant for \$75,066.47 from the Texas Department of Public Safety-Texas Division of Emergency Management;**
- F. **Resolution No. 2012R-94- Set water/sewer tapping fees and meter set fees;**
- G. **Ordinance No. 2012-59 - Establish Municipal Courts of Record;**
- H. Benefits claims administration software maintenance renewal contract.

Motion was made by Council member Graff and seconded by Council member Cleaver that the consent agenda items be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of Crossroads Fellowship West, owner, LCA, agent, for original zoning of Multi-Family-One (MF-1) on approximately 15.1 ac. tract and original zoning of Multi-Family-One-Drill Reservation (MF-1-DR) on approximately 3.8 ac. tract in Section 9, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (southeast corner of the intersection of E. 56th St. and Billy Hext Rd.). Marwan Khoury, Director of Planning, reviewed the location. The property was vacant. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member Graff to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2012R-95 – Renew an agreement with Police Reports US for the purpose of providing on-line access to police reports. Tim Burton, Police Chief, stated that the renewal with Police Reports US would be to allow purchasing reports from the on-line website. The report was \$8.00 with \$4.00 going to the City and \$4.00 going to the Police Reports US.

Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member Graff that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2012R-96 – Agreement for easements and improvements for the East Drainage Channel Basin project. Matt Squyres, Director of Public Works, stated that the agreement would continue the East Channel Basin project. The construction was funded and construction would start at the first of the year.

Motion was made by Council member Goates and seconded by Council member Carrasco that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES

Adopt an amendment to Chapter 3, “Building Regulations,” Article 3-10, “Dangerous Buildings” of the City Code of the City of Odessa. Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated that the amendment would provide for judicial review of unsafe structure cases that have been appealed by the property owner. This change was due to a case with the Texas Supreme Court’s decision.

Motion was made by Council member Graff and seconded by Council member Carrasco to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Adopt an annual sell-back unileave program. Mr. Morton stated that the sell-back would provide additional benefit to employees. He thanked Council members Cleaver and Graff for initiating the benefit. The program would allow employees to sell 40 hours of unileave in a calendar year if the employee has at least 180 hours of unileave. If all the current eligible employees would sell the hours it would cost \$453,000. Council member Graff stated that the employee would be able to sell it now or when the employee leaves the city.

Motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Graff to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Officers. Zoning Board of Adjustment, Building Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Odessa Housing Finance Corporation, and Colorado River Municipal Water District. Motion was made by Council member Goates and seconded by Council member Combs that Jerry Morales be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals and Joel Munoz be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Council went into executive session under 551.074 to discuss Colorado River Municipal Water District. Upon returning from executive session, there was no action taken.

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. None.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TMC, CMC
City Secretary

Larry L. Melton
Mayor