



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

On February 23, 2010, 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; Councilmembers; Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Royce Bodiford, District Three; and Benjamin Velasquez, District Five.

Member absent: Councilmember Dean Combs, District Four.

Others present: Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Grimaldo, City Secretary; James Zentner, Assistant City Manager; 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 Pastor Tim Halstead, New Live Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Minutes, February 9, 2010;
- B. Installation of traffic control device at Adams Avenue and 17th Street;
- C. **Resolution No. 2010R-21 - Bid award to Cisco Equipment in the amount of \$107,024 for purchase of tractors;**
- D. **Ordinance No. 2010-06 - Request of Leeco Properties, owner, to rezone from Office (O) to Retail (R) Lot 1, Block 3, Leeco Addition, 2nd Filing (southwest corner of Tres Hermanas Blvd. and San Machell Dr.);**
- E. Renew contract with Caligor Medical for supplies and medications as required by the Family Health Clinic;
- F. **Ordinance No. 2010-07 – Abandon street right-of-way for Avenue A;**
- G. Renew monthly financial report for January 2010;

Motion was made by Councilmember Cleaver and seconded by Councilmember Bodiford that the consent agenda items A, C-G be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution No. 2010R-20 – Installation of traffic control device at Adams Avenue and 17th Street. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, reported that a study was made for possible stops at 17th and Adams and 17th and Muskingum. The two intersections did not meet warrant for a traffic control device. It warrants for a crosswalk and signs for a school zone that was already in place. He explained a warrant and it was developed to give standards of traffic control devices. Traffic devices without a warrant lead to driver disrespect. The cost of a



four-way stop is \$150. Councilmember Bodiford stated that the same standard applies if a traffic device is no longer needed it can be removed. Mr. Feldman stated that it would be reevaluated and could be taken out. Councilmember Cleaver stated that the investment could prevent an accident. Councilmember Goates reported that there were not any accidents in twelve months. He does not want a false sense of security and a stop will cause more congestion and noise. Councilmember Velasquez stated the area neighbors were in favor of the four-way stop. Councilmember Bodiford recognizes in protecting pedestrians but if it is not warranted then they can impede the flow of traffic and ignore the signs. Joe Salmon, 3824 Hyden, stated that there were several near missed accidents. Statistics report that at 20 mph 60% will be fatal. If the stops are being ignored then the police need to handle that situation. He stated that traffic is a problem on the North side in the morning and a problem in the East side in the afternoon. Councilmember Goates stated that he did not want to give the community a false sense of security. After further discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Velasquez and seconded by Councilmember Cleaver that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bill Cleaver	Aye
James B. Goates	Aye
Royce Bodiford	Nay
Dean Combs	Absent
Benjamin Velasquez	Aye

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of DJK, Inc., owner, EXL Petroleum, LP, leasee, for original zoning of Future Development-Drill Reservation (FD-DR) on approximately 2.1 ac. of land in Section 14, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland Co., Texas (northeast of the intersection of San Gabriel Rd. and Old Bankhead Hwy.) Marwan Houry, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the property. The zoning of future development-drill reservation would be used for oil and gas exploration. It meets all criteria. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Cleaver that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bill Cleaver	Aye
James B. Goates	Aye
Royce Bodiford	Aye
Dean Combs	Aye
Benjamin Velasquez	Aye

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Cable Franchise Committee and Midland Odessa Transit District. Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Goates that Terry Louvin be appointed to the Midland Odessa Transit District Board. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments on non-agenda items. Mark Allen reported that there were homeless on I-20. He wanted to open a homeless shelter to provide food, a cot, and a shower. It will be used for them to get off the streets when cold and wet. Other shelters charge for the homeless to stay and many do not have the funds to pay. He is currently looking for a building. There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



ATTEST:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo
City Secretary

APPROVED:

Larry L. Melton
Mayor