CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

On February 10, 2009, 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; Dean Combs, District Four; and Michael Sanchez, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-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 David Pistone, Door of Hope Mission, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. City Council Minutes, January 27, 2009;
B. Ordinance No. 2009-08 - Adopt and enact a new City of Odessa Code of Ordinances;
C. Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee;
D. Bid award to H2O in the amount of $115,000 for Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan;
E. Purchase computer equipment from DELL;
F. Bid award to Swan Cleaners in the amount of $102,821 for cleaning and alteration of Police Department uniforms;
G. Bid award to Otis Elevator in the amount of $127,300 for the modernization of one geared passenger elevator located at the Municipal Plaza facility;
H. Purchase and installation of a shade structure for the performance stage at Noel Plaza;
I. Purchase and installation of safety surfacing material for Progressive Park;
J. Ordinance No. 2009-09 – Abandon a portion of 4th Street and Washington Ave;
K. Ordinance No. 2009-10 – Abandon an alley in Block 20, Original Town;
L. Review monthly financial summary report for December 2008;
M. Resolution No. 2009R-05 – Odessa Police Department to apply for a STEP Speed, Intersection Traffic Control, DWI and seatbelts grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Sanchez that the consent agenda items be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

Bid award to construct 2007 Drainage Improvements; Eastside Channel Renovation. Ajay Shakyaver, City Engineer, stated that three bids were received. He recommended that the bid be awarded to Onyx in the amount of $698,306.75. The bid was 11.4% under the engineer’s estimate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Combs and seconded by Councilmember Bodiford that the motion be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2009R-06 – Donation of the City’s interest in the properties at 409 S. Muskingum Ave and 609 Myrtle Street to Ector County for the expansion of the Ector County Cemetery. Mr. Long stated that Ector County requested for donation of land to expand the cemetery. The land at 409 S. Muskingum is valued at $1,820 and 609 Myrtle is valued at $1,544. Councilmember Cleaver asked the plans for Myrtle, Nelson Street and the alley. Fred Crawford, Ector County Public Works Director, stated that it would be used for an entrance. Judge Susan Redford stated that the County would analyze the alley and may need to use it for expansion in the future. The County is negotiating the property with the owners. Some have sold their property. Judge Redford stated that the County was not foreclosing on homes or exercising the eminent domain. The County would deal with the Health Department on the septic tanks and water wells. Councilmember Cleaver asked about the land up north towards the railroad tracks or having the cemetery outside the cemetery. Judge Redford that would be in the long range plan, if there was a need for property up north. She stated that there would be duplication of services if a cemetery was outside the city limits. The County would like to begin construction as early as next year. The proposed land would expand the cemetery and allow five more years.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Sanchez that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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<td>James B. Goates</td>
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Resolution No. 2009R-07 – Naming UTPB Park Softball Complex Field #1 to “Powell Field” Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Powell family has been involved in softball for 40 years and have helped provided recreation for our community. The Powell family is very active, provides countless hours and funds to the softball program. Mr. Patton recommended that the UTPB Softball Field #1 be named as Powell Field to honor the Powell family. Mayor Melton commended Mr. & Mrs. Powell for the many years of dedication they have provided to the community.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Combs that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by the following vote:
MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Complete Count Committee, Citizens Golf Advisory and Midland Odessa Urban Transit District. Appointment of Officers. (551.074) Plumbing Advisory Board, Mechanical Board of Appeals and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Combs that the following be appointed:

Ghassan Fanous appointed to the Complete Count Committee
David Boutin appointed to the Citizens Golf Advisory
Roy Gentry reappointed to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District and
Brent Clayton reappointed to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen comments on non-agenda items. No one came forward.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST: 

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC
City Secretary
Larry L. Melton
Mayor