On January 25, 2011, 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; Dean Combs, District Four; and Roy Hunton, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; 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 Marcos Zuniga, New Life Chapel, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. City Council Minutes, January 11, 2011;
B. Resolution No. 2011R-08 - Authorize the Fire Department to apply for an Emergency Management Performance grant;
C. Purchase eight unmarked police sedans from Caldwell Country Chevrolet in the amount of $165,312;
D. Resolution No. 2011R-09 – Sale of tax delinquent property located at 204 S. Tom Green;
E. Ordinance No. 2011-04 – Prohibiting the use of designated groundwater, for potable and irrigation purposes, from beneath 947.385 acres of property located at 2400 South Grandview, currently owned by Flint Hills Resources, LP;
F. Resolution No. 2011R-10 – Amend ODC Bylaws regarding number of members and quorum for ODC committees;
G. Renew the Freightliner contract for OEM parts;
H. Renew the contract for supplies and medications as required by the Family Health Clinic;

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2011R-11 - Support Flint Hills Resources, LP’s, application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a Municipal Setting Designation over 947.385 acres of property located at 2400 South Grandview. Mr. Long stated that work was done for a municipal setting designation. The
application was reviewed and there has been a public meeting and a public hearing. David Anderson, Weston Solutions, Austin, stated that the industrial site has been active over a few decades and it impacts the soil over the years. There would be another notification to surrounding property owners. He stated that Flint Hills was obligated to address any contamination. It would not remove the obligation from Flint Hills. It is a benefit to Odessa by removing the stigma of contamination and would be more attractive to sell the property.

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

Resolution No. 2011R-12 – Suspend resolution for the Oncor rate filing made with cities. Mr. Zentner stated that Oncor wants to raise the rates by $350 million annually. He suggested suspending for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Midland Odessa Urban Transit District. Motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Graff that JoAnn Dominguez be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.


Citizen comments on non-agenda items. None

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:                        APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC     Larry L. Melton
City Secretary                  Mayor