

APRIL 2025

City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Volunteers Needed for Boards & Commissions

The City of Odessa has a number of advisory boards and commissions comprised of volunteers from the community including the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, the Park Board and the Board of Appeals. We encourage our citizens to become actively involved in City government and help shape the future of Odessa by serving on a City Board. You must be 18 years or older and live within the city limits of Odessa to apply. Just go to www.cityofodessamo.com/BoardsandCommissions to apply.

Voting in the April Election

The annual election of officials of the City of Odessa will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Voting locations are the Community Building at Dyer Park and the New Horizons Presbyterian Church on Hwy 131. Please check your voter registration card for your location.

Positions up for election are an Alderman in each of the three wards, all of which serve a term of two years. Candidates are:

Alderman Ward 1

Karla Polson

Alderman Ward 2

Michael Plachte

Alderman Ward 3

Robert Carey
Bruce Whitsitt

In addition, three questions will be on the ballot for City residents:

Lafayette Countywide 911 Sales Tax Question

Shall Lafayette County impose a county sales tax of one-half of one percent (.0050%) to pay for infrastructure, radio and equipment upgrades that are needed to provide essential central dispatching of fire protection, emergency ambulance services, emergency telephone services, and other emergency services to the citizens of Lafayette County?

Lafayette Countywide Marijuana Sales Tax Question

Shall Lafayette County, Missouri impose a countywide sales tax of three percent (3%) on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use marijuana sold in Lafayette County, Missouri?



CALENDAR

April 8, 2025

Election Day

April 14, 2025

Board of Aldermen Meeting

April 16, 2025

Park Board Meeting

April 17, 2025

Planning Commission Meeting

April 28, 2025

Board of Aldermen Meeting



Odessa Fire and Rescue Protection District Question

Shall Odessa Fire & Rescue Protection District issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$6,845,000 for the purpose of acquiring real property; constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, furnishing and equipping new and existing fire stations; and acquiring fire trucks, vehicles and other firefighting and emergency apparatus and equipment, including facilities and equipment now leased to the District?

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MAYOR

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WARD ONE

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Aldерwoman Karla Polson
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WARD TWO

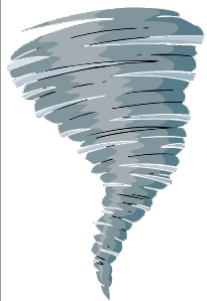
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Aldерwoman Donna Ehlert
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WARD THREE

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Alderman Bob Carey
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The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the community storm shelter.

Stay Up-to-Date on the City of Odessa

The City of Odessa now has its own YouTube Channel! Simply go to <https://www.youtube.com/@OdessaMo> and click the "Subscribe" button on the channel page. You can also click the bell icon next to the subscribe button to receive notifications about new videos. The channel airs Board of Aldermen meetings, Committee Meetings, and other content designed to keep residents connected to the city.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel

We also encourage you to visit the City's website at www.cityofodessamo.com and follow the City of Odessa's Facebook page @cityofodessa for important information about city updates, meetings, and events.

The screenshot shows the City of Odessa website with a navigation bar including DEPARTMENTS, YOUR GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, and HOW DO I... Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a street scene. Underneath the banner are four circular icons representing different services: MEETINGS & AGENDAS, PAY MY BILL, REPORT A CONCERN, and MUNICIPAL COURT. Below these icons is a 'City News' section featuring four news items: 'We are hiring! Finance Director', 'UTVs and Golf Carts', 'WeTip! Submit an Anonymous Tip', and 'Police Facility Community Planning Group'. Each news item includes a date and a brief description of the announcement.