

City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, August 10, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Karen Findora, City Clerk, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bruce Whitsitt	Present	Alderman Forest Palmer	Present
Alderdwoman Karla Polson	Present	Alderdwoman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderdwoman Amy Finch	Present
Alderdwoman Rachel Wrenn	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shawna Davis Camp, City Administrator	Troy Woutzke, Electric
Karen Findora, City Clerk	Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director	Kenny Snider, Wastewater – Absent
Josh Thompson, Police Chief	Jeff Deane, Lauber Municipal Law
Leslie Shier, Public Information Coordinator	

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Adam Couch
Tony Easter	Bradlee Falls
J B	Desi Boers

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Whitsitt welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda.

- July 27, 2026 – Regular Session
- Pay Application #3 – Street Maintenance Building
- Pay Application #4 – 2nd Street Sidewalks
- Pay Application #4 – Mason Street Sidewalks

Alderdwoman Finch moved to approve the July 27, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted along with the 3 (Three) Pay Applications, seconded by Alderman Palmer.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No, 1-Abstain.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitsitt stated that he, City Administrator Shawna Davis Camp, and Electric Superintendent Troy Woutzke met with the VFW regarding the Veterans banners. He stated that they discussed how to make the process smoother for next year and that he loved the project.

Mayor Whitsitt stated that he has identified appointments for the Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. The appointments will be voted on at the August 24th meeting.

He went on to say that he is looking forward to Puddle Jumper Days and that this year he is inviting City Administrator Shawna Davis Camp to ride in the parade with him.

Mayor Whitsitt stated that he looked at dates the state asked us to recognize, including August 31, Random Acts of Kindness Day, among others.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte thanked the water and electric department for all their work on the recent water main breaks and the downtown sidewalk project.
- Alderwoman Wrenn – No Rpt.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderman Palmer reminded everyone of the upcoming Ward 3 meeting that will take place Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.
- Alderwoman Starr congratulated Adam Couch on completing the Missouri River 340 kayaking from Kansas City to St. Charles.
- Alderwoman Finch – No Rpt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief update on city events.

(visit the [city website](#) to hear update.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation ~ 1912 Building

Adam Couch of 1912 Development Group provided an update on the project. He stated that they have been working to assemble the low-income housing tax credit, along with the federal and state tax credits. He stated that he should hear back on whether it's awarded in mid-November to early December of this year. The property was approved by the National Park Service as a certified historic site. This will allow them to obtain the historic tax credits, contingent upon receiving the low-income housing tax credits. More information on the project can be found by visiting the city's website under agenda and minutes. (August 10, 2026)

Amend the Agenda ~ Presentation ~ 2025-2026 Audit ~ Postpone to Monday, August 24, 2026.

Motion was made by Alderman Palmer, to postpone the 2025-2026 Audit presentation to the Monday, August 24, 2026 agenda meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-29 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Amend Tenure of City Clerk

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-29, amending Chapter 2 (Two), Article III, Division 4 (Four), Section 2-220. Term of Office of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Odessa, Missouri, relating to the appointment and tenure of the City Clerk, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-29, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Palmer, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-29 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Amend Tenure of City Clerk

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-29, amending Chapter 2 (Two), Article III, Division 4 (Four), Section 2-220. Term of Office of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Odessa, Missouri, relating to the appointment and tenure of the City Clerk, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Palmer to adopt Bill No. 2026-29, amending Chapter 2 (Two), Article III, Division 4 (Four), Section 2-220. Term of Office of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Odessa, Missouri, relating to the appointment and tenure of the City Clerk, second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Finch, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderwoman Wrenn	yes
Alderman Palmer	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderwoman Starr	yes	Alderwoman Finch	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-29 became **Ordinance No. 3193**

Resolution No. 2026-25 ~ Animal Control Facility

Mayor Whitsitt read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-25 authorizing the Mayor to execute a construction contract with Goodman Construction, LLC for the construction of the City's animal control facility.

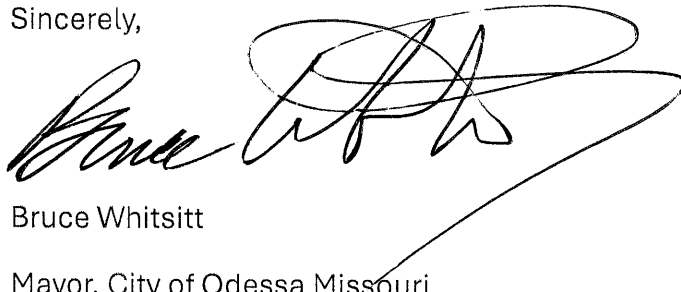
Notice to the City of Odessa

August 10, 2026

While this notification does not appear to be required by law, please consider this formal notification that I, through my wholly owned business Odessa Tax and Accounting LLC, have a business relationship with Goodman Construction LLC, with whom the City of Odessa Missouri will be voting on accepting a construction bid.

The value of that business relationship is approximately \$600 per year for preparation of their business and personal income tax returns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Whitsitt", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Bruce Whitsitt

Mayor, City of Odessa Missouri

Motion was made by Alderwoman Finch authorizing the Mayor to execute a construction contract with Goodman Construction, LLC for the construction of the City's animal control facility, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

Alderman Plachte moved to discuss irrigation sprinkler – wastewater adjustments, seconded by Alderwoman Finch.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Plachte, seconded by Alderman Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Motion carried 6- Aye, 0-No.

*The foregoing minutes are a summary of the proceedings of the meeting. For a complete verbatim record, including audio/video recording, please refer to the official meeting recording available on the City's website.
<https://www.cityofodessamo.com/>*

Approved:

August 24, 2026

CITY OF ODESSA

Bruce Whitsitt
Bruce Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora
Karen Findora, City Clerk