

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS
APRIL 2, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Odem will meet at the Odem Public Library, 516 Voss Avenue, Odem, Texas at 7:00 p.m. in a **REGULAR MEETING** on April 2, 2024 and the following matter will be the subject of the **REGULAR MEETING**:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A. Declare a quorum
- B. Pledge the Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag
- C. Public Comments - Citizens to be heard **PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES. A PERSON SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ASSIGN THE THREE (3) MINUTES TO ANYONE ELSE.**

II MONTHLY REPORTS:

- A. Quarterly report from Municipal Court -Judge Yolanda Guerrero/Attorney Epi Ysassi
- B. Quarterly report from Odem EMS - Stephanie Newsome
- C. Quarterly report from Odem Maintenance Department - Jerry Sanchez
- D. Quarterly report from Fire Department - Chief Robert Beltran

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- A. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the minutes of the Special Call Meeting held on March 26, 2024.
- B. Discuss, consider and take action to approve a proposed interlocal agreement between the City of Odem and San Patricio County regarding Animal Control.
- C. Discuss, consider, and take action to appoint The San Patricio County Animal Control Supervisor as the Local Rabies Control Authority.
- D. Discuss, consider and take action to approve Resolution #634, designating the City Administrator to act as custodian of the Odem Police Department's records and designating the City Administrator as the city's agent for service of a formal request for public records of the Odem Police Department.
- E. Discuss, consider and take action to approve Resolution #635, recognizing the service and commitment of the City of Odem Volunteer Fire Department members.

IV. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Mayor reports regarding:
 - 1) Update on Operation Loan Star and the review of the Governor's Office.
 - 2) Update on Internal Department reviews.
 - 3) Update on potholes and drainage on front street.
 - 4) Update on homeless concerns.
- B. Councilman, Place Four Reports regarding:
 - 1) Odem Economic Development Corporation activities and projects
- C. City Administrator Reports regarding:
 - 1) Financial Report
 - 2) Technology and plan to digitize all records
 - 3) Initial assessment of staff, spending practices and city facilities.

ADJOURNMENT:

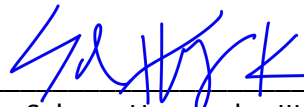
A. Adjourn

NOTE: The City of Odem reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items on this agenda whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Salome Hernandez III
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

I, Sal Hernandez, City Administrator, certify that the above notice of the Regular Meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall of the City of Odem, Texas on March 28, 2024 at 8:30 p.m.



Salome Hernandez III
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS
March 26, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Odem will meet at the Odem Public Library, 516 Voss Avenue, Odem, Texas at 7:00 p.m. in a **SPECIAL CALL MEETING** on March 26, 2024 and the following matter will be the subject of the **SPECIAL CALL MEETING**:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A. Declare a quorum

- **All members of the Council with exception of the Mayor were present**

B. Pledge the Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag

C. Public Comments - Citizens to be heard – **NONE**

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

A. Discuss, consider and take action to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings held on February 13, 2024 and March 5, 2024.

- **A motion was made by Councilmember Candela to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2024 and March 5, 2024 meetings. Councilmember Huerta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Discuss, consider and take action to approve a three-year agreement with Kingdom Technology Services for on-site maintenance on the city's sewer plant UV system.

- **A motion was made by Councilmember Candela to approve the service agreement. Councilmember Falcon seconded the motion. Councilmember Dominguez asked for clarification of on certain sections of the agreement. After it was mentioned that the city attorney had approved the service agreement via email on March 19, 2024, the council voted and the motion passed unanimously.**

III. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Adjourn

- **A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Falcon and seconded by Councilmember Candela. The motion passed unanimously and council adjourned at 7:09pm.**

MAYOR

Attest: Salome Hernandez III
City Administrator

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

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**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between the **County of San Patricio, Texas** (the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and the **City of ODEM**, (herein called the "City") also a political subdivision of the State of Texas, located in San Patricio County, Texas.

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, CHAPTER 791 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, also known as the INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT, authorizes all local governments to contract with each other to provide a governmental function or service that each party to the contract is authorized to perform individually and in which the contracting parties are mutually interested, such as animal control assistance and public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City is a Home Rule municipality organized under the laws of Texas and is authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, duly organized and functioning in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City represent that each is independently authorized to perform the functions contemplated by this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County maintains a rabies control service, and

WHEREAS, each party has sufficient funds available from current revenues to perform the functions contemplated by this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City will benefit from a rabies control service, and

WHEREAS, both the County and the City find it mutually desirable to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises, each to the other made herein, the parties named above do hereby agree as follows:

II. COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS

The County agrees to impound, quarantine and hold for observation any animal found within the boundaries of the City; this includes animals trespassing on school grounds, that has rabies or symptoms thereof, or any animal that reasonably could be suspected of having rabies, or that bites, scratches or otherwise attacks a person within the boundaries of the City. The length and terms of such impoundment shall be kept for not less than three days from the date of impoundment as stated in the San Patricio County Animal Health and Control Order.

The San Patricio County Animal Control Supervisor will serve as the City's local rabies control authority once appointed by the city council of Odem.

It shall not be the responsibility of the County to patrol the City for the discovery of animals mentioned. The impoundment of such animals shall be in response to specific requests.

III. CITY'S OBLIGATIONS

The City agrees to pay the County the sum of **ONE THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,050.00)** per quarter for such service, beginning **JUNE 1, 2024**. The first such payment shall be due and payable on the first day of each quarter so long as this agreement is in effect. The City shall pay the County no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice mailed to the City.

IV. DEFAULT

In the event City fails to pay all costs set forth in Article III above, the County shall give City written notice of default with an opportunity to cure such default within thirty (30) days. If City fails to cure such default during the 30-day cure period, the Agreement shall terminate and City shall assume responsibility for its own animal control operation.

In the event County fails to perform its obligations as set forth in Article II, the City shall give County written notice of default with an opportunity to cure such default within thirty (30) days. If County fails to cure such default during the 30-day cure period, the Agreement shall terminate and City shall assume responsibility for its own animal control operation.

V. TERMINATION

This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party with thirty (30) days notice. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution through June 1, 2025.

VI. INDEMNITY

Subject to the limitations as to liability and damages in the Texas Tort Claims Act and without waiving its governmental immunity, each Party agrees to hold harmless each other, its governing board, officers, agents and employees for any liability, loss, damages, claims or causes of action caused or asserted to have been caused directly or indirectly by any other Party to this Agreement, or any of its officers, agents or employees, or as the result of its performance, acts, or omissions or any of its officers, agents or

employees, under this Agreement.

VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

All notices and other documents required by this agreement shall be delivered in person or by US mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses set forth below, or to such other address as the parties may designate by notice in accordance here with, and with such notices shall be effective when received or five day after mailing to the last known correct address, proper postage prepaid, whichever is earlier.

For the purpose of such notice or any other notice required or permitted to be given hereunder, the parties' addresses are as follows:

CITY: City of Odem
514 Voss Ave.
Odem, Texas 78370

COUNTY: San Patricio County Department of Environmental Health
313 North Rachal Avenue
Sinton, Texas 78387

Each party has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and the person signing this Agreement on behalf of each party has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement. The persons executing this Agreement hereby represent that they have authorization to sign on behalf of their respective entity.

This agreement shall be performed in San Patricio County, Texas, and shall be interpreted according to laws of the State of Texas.

This Agreement may not be amended except by written instrument specifically referring to this Agreement and signed by the parties hereto.

This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by both parties and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the parties. Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of each party represents and warrants that they have full right and authority to enter into this Agreement.

This Agreement has been approved by the governing bodies of the City and of County.

Party paying for the performance of governmental functions or services must make those payments from current revenues available to the paying Party.

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and correctly sets forth the rights, duties and obligations of each to the other as of the Effective Date.

Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement will be of no force or effect excepting a subsequent written modification executed by both parties.

SIGNED AND ENTERED BY:

SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS

CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS

DAVID KREBS DATE
COUNTY JUDGE

DAVID B. MALDONADO DATE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

GRACIE GONZALES DATE
COUNTY CLERK

SALOME HERNANDEZ III DATE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ORDINANCE NO. 634

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS
DESIGNATING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACT AS CUSTODIAN OF
ODEM POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND DESIGNATING THE CITY
ADMINISTRATOR AS THE CITY'S AGENT FOR SERVICE OF A FORMAL
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE ODEM POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ODEM, TEXAS:

SECTION I.

In the absence of a Records Clerk for the Odem Police Department, the City Administrator is hereby designated the Custodian of Odem Police Department's Official Records and as Agent for Service of a formal request for Public Records of the Odem Police Department.

SECTION II.

Prior to responding to a request for Odem Police Department records, the City Administrator shall coordinate with a Law Enforcement Agency to accompany him/her to the Odem Police Department to retrieve the records requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after it's passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of April, 2024.

David Maldonado, Mayor

Billy Huerta Place 1

Yolanda Robles-Alvaro Place 2

Isaac Dominguez Place 3

Jesse Falcon Place 4

Elizabeth Candela Place 5

RESOLUTION NO. 635

**RECOGNITION FOR THE SERVICE AND COMMITMENT BY THE ODEM VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ODEM, TEXAS;

A **RESOLUTION** to recognize the men and women of the Odem Volunteer Fire Department for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective well-being, and the City of Odem is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, so many within our community continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service as firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this City Council should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the City of Odem Volunteer Fire Department are such outstanding public servants, who have served the department and their community with eagerness; and

WHEREAS, in addition, many have their full-time jobs and families at home; and

WHEREAS, many are proud sons, daughter, parents, brothers, sisters, with devoted family values of the highest order, and are most appreciative of the love and support they shares with their families; and

WHEREAS, The Volunteers of the Odem Fire Department exemplify the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Odem Resident; and

WHEREAS, they have demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of their colleagues around the county and a grateful community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ODEM OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL CONCURRING, that we commend the volunteers of the City of Odem Volunteer Fire Department for their significant contributions to the citizens of this community, even as we honor their display of fortitude in the face of adversity and their steadfast commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2024

Mayor, David Bargas Maldonado

ATTEST:

City Administrator Salome Hernandez III

Councilmember Place 1, Billy Huerta

Councilmember Place 2, Yolanda Alvaro

Councilmember Place 3, Isaac Dominquez

Councilmember Place 4, Jesse Falcon

Councilmember Place 5, Elizabeth Acevedo Candela