

# Odessa Town Council Minutes

## February 14, 2022

### REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held in person and via the ZOOM app due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Meeting ID and Password were made available to the public through postings on the office door and the post office community board. Present were Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Gimmestad, Councilmember Iverson, Councilmember Reyes (joined by Zoom), Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Police Chief Jimerson, Fire Chief Walter, Zoning Inspector Knerr and public citizens.

### ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There was one addition to new business for building permit 2022-5, a fence at 406 E Second Avenue.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 24, 2022 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

January Financials and Treasurer's Report, January payroll checks #10658-10677 and EFT's totaling \$51,984.90, and February 14, 2022 claim clearing checks #10678-10697 and EFT's for \$50,528.47 along with voided check #10652 were all approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Iverson.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Covid Pandemic Relief NEU dollars that the town received the first half of \$124,500 in year 2021 for relief was discussed in detail. Council approved dollar amounts to be used for the following breakdown of expenditures.

\$46,000 will be applied to purchase a new police vehicle for the town as it is in great need for this.

\$45,000 is going to a new software system called Spring Brook/BIAS which allows employees to work remotely and from different locations if the pandemic calls for the town to close down or in case of emergency. It is a great need from our current system which is very antiquated. We have no option to work remotely with our system currently. \$33,500 Premium Pandemic Pay was given to all the town employees as the town never shut down during the pandemic. The consideration is that Local Government falls under the category of essential employees and the town may not shut down during a pandemic since essential functions still have to be tended to such as government services for emergency, sewer/water services and more. This was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Chamber asked for reimbursement of dollars that had been offered in a 2018-2019 agreement for a new cable to be anchored to the business buildings here in town across First Avenue. They are seeking \$2,000 reimbursement of funds that had been originally offered through the Town's Hotel/Motel funds the state gives to the town for tourism type items. Council discussed this and tabled until the next meeting on February 28, 2022 when a new contract is made up and available for discussion.

- Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Between Lincoln County, The Towns of Reardan and Odessa for Cooperative Shoreline Master Programs Update was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Hopp Road Utility Extension request was tabled until further notice.
- Cumulative Reserve transfer request of \$3,000 for new computers for Clerk's Office was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad
- Ex Councilmember Kelly Watkins needs removed from the Town's bank account. The town is adding Pro-Tem Councilmember Landon Lobe to the Town's account as a signer. This was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Building permit 2022-2; new shop/garage at 109 E Fifth Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad.
- Building permit 2022-3; new metal roof at 210 E Third Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Building permit 2022-4; new metal roof at 411 E Second Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Building permit 2022-5; temporary fence at 406 E Second Avenue was told to resubmit to include the temporary date of June 30, 2022 to take down fence along with correcting heights to meet code. Owner said he will submit for next Council meeting to process with corrections.

#### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Jimerson reported on departmental activities. Also stated Lincoln County has been covering the town.

#### FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Walter reported on departmental activities. He said the department is aiming to flush hydrants in June/July time frame this year.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Paszkeicz was unable to make the meeting but submitted a report itemizing what the department has been up to. He said he got the approval for testing for Wastewater 1 certification from Department of Ecology. All the Public Works Department will be testing for their Pesticide Licenses this year starting in March. Public Works has added needed security measures to some of the town's buildings with new locks, key pads and striker pads. Reported Avista utilities will no longer replace some of our lightbulbs in town. The town will need to carry the bulbs for replacement. They are doing research to find out the expense to the town to carry the bulbs on hand.

#### COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council Report.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley reported on an update for the Delzer court case. He said the judge appointed a guardian for the case and the next hearing will be March 15, 2022. Mayor let everyone know that former Public Works Director Webster gave his one-month notice that he will no longer be signing off on water or sewer reports for the town any longer as of March 10, 2022.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer