

Odessa Town Council Minutes

April 26, 2021

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Watkins 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 Gimmestad, Councilmember Iverson, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Lobe, Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Public Works Director Webster, Police Chief Jimerson, Commissioner Knerr, and public citizens. Mayor Crossley was absent from the meeting.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Quote for radar signs on the edge of town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 12, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

April Payroll in the amount of \$42,536.33 and April 26, 2021 claim clearing checks and EFT totaling \$248,841.59 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was brought up about the cardboard recycle program. The town is paying to have this service available to the public for no cost. The council has brought forth to cancel the program as the town is going backwards in the budget on how much this service is costing us annually and not charging residents for it. They agreed to have the Clerk's Office look into the cancellation process and to make sure there is not a fee for cancelling. This was tabled until the next meeting on May 10, 2021 to vote on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kristy from Rural Resources attended the meeting via ZOOM. She explained their volunteer program and family resource center and what it has to offer to the town residents. They have a 24-hour helpline, such as for emergency shelter, crisis intervention, response to survivors, children's advocacy center, and much more.
- A leak adjustment request was submitted from resident at 708 E Second Avenue. The owner became aware of a leak in the Winter and had it fixed. He is now asking for adjustment on his water billing. The council said they would waive the overage as the owner got the leak repaired immediately once he became aware of it. This was approved upon a motion by councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Convergent Solar Panel company submitted an extension letter as their agreement went into effect October 2020, however they have only been doing studies and due diligence on the property up to this point and nothing with the land thus far. They asked for a 6-month extension on the agreement. This was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad.
- Building permit 2021-08 for a fence at 101 E Third Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

- Building permit 2021-09 for a re-roof at 207 W First Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Building permit 2021-10 for a re-roof at 405 ½ E Fifth Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Watkins brought forth a quote for digital speed limit signs for the edge of town. The Council decided there just is not enough money in the budget this year for the signs to be installed and will look at next years budget to include these as a possibility.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents. Chief let the council know that the Tahoe police vehicle is having mechanical issues at this time. He attended class for a week for training.

FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Department report. Councilmember Lobe did report that there is a countywide burning ban currently in effect in Lincoln County.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. Cleanup days was a complete success this year. He brought up there was a few volunteers that helped out the town for cleanup days and was very thankful for all the hard work put in to make it happen. He said the cemetery and town park water is now on for the season. Weed spraying is currently going on around town along with pothole repairs. Public Works lost an air blower at the waste water treatment plant. Webster also reported that the second week in May they will be doing hydrant water flushing around town.

COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Pro-Tem Watkins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer