

Odessa Town Council Minutes

August 9, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Crossley opened the public hearing for USDA funding for Police and Public Works vehicles at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor Crossley, Councilmember Iverson, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Gimmestad, Councilmember Kramer, Public Works Director Webster, Police Chief Jimerson, Fire Chief Strebeck, Zoning Inspector Knerr, Clerk-Treasurer Bohn and public citizens.

Mayor Crossley explained the towns need to apply for USDA funding to help with the costs of getting a new vehicle for our Police Department as well as our Public Works Department. Discussion was held with no comments or questions offered from the public.

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 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 Lobe, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Gimmestad, Councilmember Iverson, Public Works Director Webster, Police Chief Jimerson, Fire Chief Strebeck, Zoning Inspector Knerr, Clerk-Treasurer Bohn and public citizens.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There was an addition to new business. Water issues at 109 S Fourth Street, Mr. Finkbeiner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 26, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

August 9, 2021 claim clearing checks #10311 to 10333 and EFT totaling \$323,785.29 and voided checks #10268 and #10296 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Wallace presented ideas to do a larger scale celebration for the holiday season in Odessa. The council advised her to talk to the Chamber to present her holiday ideas for further consideration.
- Mr. Finkbeiner, owner at address 109 S. 4th Street said he has water issues every year in his garage. He would like a solution since construction is taking place how this can get resolved with the runoff of the street that drains into his garage. Discussion took place and council said the town engineer is going to grade and include this fix into the current construction project to see if that will repair the issue.
- Resolution No. 2021-05 USA application for financial assistance for a Police vehicle was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad.

- Resolution No. 2021-06 USDA application for financial assistance for a Public Works vehicle was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Resolution No. 2021-07 weed letters for multiple addresses for Public Works cleanup was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Building permit 2021-19 for a re-roof at 108 W Fifth Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents. Repairs on the police vehicle need to take place as the air conditioner is not working on his vehicle. Chief said he finished a three-day supervisor training.

FIRE REPORT

Notices in town for yards that need cleaned are being sent out. Chief asked about fires in town and would like clarification to know if the town is banning all wood fires on private property and going to propane only as state mandates fire ban on state-owned property at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. There is a part shortage and many parts are back ordered. Clean-up for Deutschesfest is going on along with crosswalk painting. The construction project contractor is keeping Public Works very busy.

COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's Report.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer