

# Odessa Town Council Minutes

## September 13, 2021

### 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, Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Public Works Director Webster, Public Works Employee Paszkeicz, Fire Chief Strebeck, Police Chief Jimerson, and public citizens.

### ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no deletions or additions

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 23, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

August Payroll check 10348-10376 plus EFT's for \$55,354.75 and September 13, 2021 claim clearing checks 10377-10399 and EFT's totaling \$251,055.63 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

### NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. James with the recreation program submitted a request asking for the Councils approval to block off the parking strip from the corner where LocalTel is located, down to Wheatland Bank parking lot. The recreation program has inflatable toys along with other children's activities going on for Deutschesfest and does not feel it would be safe if cars were allowed to park there. The council discussed and had no issues with using the same barricades from the parade to put them on the sides of the street so no vehicles could park in those spots during the Saturday festivities.
- Building Permit 2021-21 for a new roof on garage at 414 E 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Building Permit 2021-22 for replacement of fence at 001 E May Avenue was denied by our building inspector Greenwalt. The approval was given to a small portion of the fence, however there is a current civil case going on with the neighbors and a property line survey will be taking place shortly. Until the civil case is handled, he denied the request for the entire fence to be replaced. Council discussed the issue and was in agreeance to let the resident replace the current fence that Building inspector Greenwalt approved, but no further at this time until things are handled with the civil case between neighbors and the fence issue.
- Building Permit 2021-23 for a new roof at 307 E Third Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Gimmestad.

### POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents. He gave an update to Council letting them know he is done with his Chief training at this time. There was mention of getting a new police vehicle and the Town of Soap Lake currently has a used vehicle which comes with spikes and equipment already in the vehicle for a lot less money than a new vehicle would cost the town.

### FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Strebeck spoke about campfires being permitted for Deutschesfest around town this year. He also reported the Fire Department will be washing sidewalks on Tuesday in preparation for Deutschesfest in business areas.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. He let council know that the Public Works Department had to order a new line locator as their other one had quit working. This piece of equipment is in the range of about \$5,000 but they have to have one on hand. Webster also reported that lots of overtime is happening with the current water and street project that is going on in town. He feels the project is very slow moving but overtime will be charged to the project. He mentioned the Public Works Department is pretty busy getting ready for Deutschesfest.

### COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Kramer reported she had delivered notices to doors on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The notices were to remind residents the town is street sweeping and to park vehicles elsewhere for the morning.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley reported the kitchen cooler compressor in the Community Center was just replaced a few weeks ago. With the construction going on in town, one of the drivers hit and knocked the power line out in town causing the new compressor to fry and no longer work. It needs to be working for Deutschesfest so the town will look into turning it into insurance. It is in the area of \$4,500 that the Chamber does not have to replace it again.

### ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer