

Odessa Town Council Minutes
January 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Pro tem Mayor William Crossley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Pro tem Mayor William Crossley, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember-elect Victoria Iverson, PWD Webster, Police Chief Clark, Fire Chief Strebeck, Clerk-Treasurer Kiesz and public citizens.

LEGISLATIVE OATH OF OFFICE

Pro tem Mayor William Crossley resigned from Council Position #2. Clerk-Treasurer Kiesz administered the Oath of Office to William Crossley for the position of Mayor. Clerk-Treasurer Kiesz administered the Oath of Office to Victoria Iverson-Council Position #1, Landon Lobe-Council Position #3 and Kelly Watkins-Council Position #4.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Crossley added, under New Business, item "C" Pro tem Mayor and item "D" Letter from resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular meeting were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER CLAIMS CHECKS

- December 2017 Payroll Checks No. 7470 through 7497 and one EFT in the amount of \$49,246.44
 - December 2017 Treasurers Report
 - December 2017 Claim Clearing Checks No. 7469, 7498 through 7525 plus EFT totaling \$48,867.19
- were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kurt Addicott, PE- Century West Engineers reported on the airport design project. Discussion ensued.

Chief Clark presented the third draft of an ordinance addressing RV and trailer parking. Councilmember Watkins made a motion to approved the content of the draft ordinance with Councilmember Kramer seconding. Motion passed. The final Ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Department of Commerce has offered a \$2,500.00 grant to the Town of Odessa for the Critical Area Ordinance update. Acceptance of the grant was approved upon motion by Councilmember Watkins and seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

A Letter of Interest for the vacated council position #2 was received. Council decided to put an ad in the January 11, 2017 paper stating that the Town will accept letters of interest until February 12, 2017 and interview interested parties at the February 26th meeting.

Mayor Crossley opened the floor for motions for a new pro tem mayor. A motion was made by Councilmember Kramer and seconded by Councilmember Iverson to appoint Councilmember Watkins as pro tem mayor. Motion

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passed. Council also approved the removal of the outgoing Mayor Lois Hubbard from the bank signature and adding Councilmember Watkins.

A letter from resident Gordon was read and discussed. Council tabled this issue pending further discussion with Mr. Gordon.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Strebeck reported that the firemen did a great job on the house fire that occurred December 25, 2017. He also discussed the auction scheduled for February 24, 2018.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Clark stated that there were 337 cases and 43 citations in 2017, up from 2016. He applied for an AWC Loss Prevention Grant for two new portable Mobile Radios and has been approved for \$4830.56 in grant funding. AWC will also pay 50% of the Lexipol bill.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

PWD Webster reported that the Town of Odessa has been approved for the FEMA grant for fill and labor to repair the frost heave damage at the cemetery. The frozen ground at the cemetery was easily cut by the walk behind street cutter which saved employee time and wages.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Crossley requested that a letter be sent to the Catholic Diocese concerning the land to the west of the existing cemetery. Mayor Crossley will hold off on Committee assignments until Council Position #2 is filled.

ADJOURN

With no further matters to discuss, Mayor Crossley adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

William F. Crossley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Kiesz, Clerk-Treasurer