

Odessa Town Council Minutes

October 11, 2021

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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 Iverson, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Gimmestad, Councilmember Lobe, Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Public Works Director Webster, Police Chief Jimerson, Zoning Inspector Knerr, Public Works employee Paszkeicz, and public citizens.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There was no additions or deletions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 8, 2021 Special Budget Meeting minutes, September 27, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, and September 30, 2021 Special Budget Meeting minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Iverson.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

September Financials, October 11, 2021 claim clearing checks #10443 to 10462 and EFT totaling \$675,536.35 and three voided checks #10326, 10438, and 10439 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rory Wintersteen with Lincoln County Transfer Station attended the meeting via phone. Questions were asked by the Mayor and Council regarding the current recycle program that is in place. Mr. Wintersteen gave a breakdown of locations they haul the cardboard off to and the amount of money that Lincoln County gets in return for taking it to the recycle centers. The Mayor asked if fees could be looked at again with Lincoln County as they do receive money back from the recycle yards along with charging the Town of Odessa.
- The owner at 710 E Second Avenue and 709 E Amende Drive, Mr. Shipman attended the meeting. He would like the town to consider not billing him for his garage that has been turned into a second dwelling on the property. There is a tenant in the second dwelling which is rented out. He stated once his tenant finds a new place to live, he is going to turn the building back into a garage again. The property is set up to be billed at each residence, however there is only one meter at the property that brings water in. Mr. Shipman is asking the Council to change the way the billing is structured at the property. Council would like to revisit this at the next meeting when they have more information regarding his billing and the way it is setup. Tabled until next council meeting on October 25, 2021.
- Mrs. King with the Odessa School District submitted a request asking for a building donation of the Old Town Hall for the Odessa Athletic Booster Club annual auction. Council discussed this in depth and stated this is gifting of public funds. The Town of Odessa is unable to grant the request.

- A public hearing for the Revenue Sources for 2022 was set for 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2021, upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Old Town Hall Rejuvenation requested the town to pay \$3,500, the balance of the new floors being installed at the Old Town Hall building. This is part of the 100 Lowes Hometown grant that was received. Council discussed taking funds out of the Covid relief money the town received this year to pay this expense. This was passed upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Lincoln County sent out the tax levy amounts for year 2022. This is the first look and will be on the next Council meeting to set the public hearing for the levy.
- Building Permit 2021-25 for a new vinyl fence at 614 E Second Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Gimmestad, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents. The new officer is half way done with academy, and due to graduate on December 11, 2021 from the Academy. Chief is currently nursing an injury so Lincoln County is providing coverage at this time.

FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. The department is short staffed due to an employee out for eight weeks due to an injury. They are locating valves for the construction, and the contractor is replacing some sidewalks and have three more connections to complete. Weather winterizing still needs to be done on the pool and the equipment.

COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley announced the next Budget meeting to be held on October 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer