

# Odessa Town Council Minutes

October 12, 2020

## REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. This meeting was held 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 Lobe, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Hunt, Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Public Works Director Webster, Town Marshall Dell, Zoning Commissioner Kneer, and public citizens.

## ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Set Public Hearing: Tax Levy – November 9, 2020
- Set Public Hearing: Revenue Source – November 9, 2020
- Set Public Hearing: Final Proposed Annual Budget – November 23, 2020
- Set Public Hearing: Budget Amendment – November 9, 2020

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The September 28, 2020 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved with corrections upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- The October 5, 2020 Special Meeting Budget 2021 Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

September Treasurers Report and October 12, 2020 claims vouchers check numbers 9654-9679 plus one EFT totaling \$108,810.04 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Convergent Solar Panels sent a letter of intent which was reviewed by the Town's Attorney. The Attorney came back recommending the initial payment of \$2,500 needs to be bumped to \$5,000 to cover the cost of title report that is requested. Council would like to know exactly how much land will be used. Council is interested in moving forward with the proposal once the changes are made and questions are answered. Approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Iverson.
- Council discussed Residential/Commercial rate study that was done. Town of Odessa's rates are one of the lowest compared to other towns around the area. A local business owner had brought up about the town changing to commercial rates. After much research we are the lowest in the area. No action taken on this.
- Next Budget Workshop date has been set for October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Set Public Hearings for the following:  
Tax Levy – November 9, 2020  
Revenue Source – November 9, 2020  
Budget Amendment – November 9, 2020  
Final Proposed Annual Budget – November 23, 2020  
Approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.
- An Amendment to the September 14, 2020 Council Meeting minutes per MRSC needed to be completed due to wording on the original minutes regarding a lien forgiveness and a release at the property of 514.5 S Division St. Approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.
- Building Permit 2020-26 for fence repair at 714 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Building Permit 2020-27 for new roof at 205 Alder St. was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

## POLICE REPORT

Town Marshall Dell stated quarterly training is complete. He reported on all the reports and cases they have handled in town lately. Marshall Dell also stated there is currently counterfeit money that is going around town. There were power lines that went down in town as well.

## FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report

## PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported that Department of Health dump testing is hoping to be cut in half or completely done with. Public Works spent about five hours with the engineers this last week going over the water project. One grave and two cremations were done at the cemetery. The town received metal cages for the spray totes for bio solids.

## COUNCIL REPORT

There was no Council Report

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley reported we received a Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant for the sewer system project for 2021 in the amount of \$580,725.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Crossley made the following statement:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) the City Council will now convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The Executive Session will last approximately 20 minutes. No action is anticipated to occur in open session.

Mayor Crossley recessed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to move to Executive Session for 20 minutes.

Mayor Crossley reconvened the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer