

# Odessa Town Council Minutes

October 25, 2021

## PUBLIC HEARING 2022 BUDGET REVENUE SOURCES

Mayor Crossley explained Revenue Sources for 2022 Budget. No comments or questions were offered from the public.

## 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 Lobe, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Iverson, Clerk/Treasurer Bohn, Public Works Director Webster, Police Chief Jimerson, Zoning Inspector Knerr, and public citizens. Councilmember Gimmestad and Councilmember Kramer were absent.

## ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

An addition was added under unfinished business - 710 E Second Avenue and 709 E Amende Drive billing concerns from last council meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 11, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2021 Budget meeting minutes and October 18, 2021 Budget meeting minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

October 25, 2021 claim clearing checks 10464-10479 and EFT totaling \$16,671.28 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Billing concerns from the owner Mr. Shipman at 710 E Second Avenue and 709 E Amende Drive were discussed. Town council is okay with changing the billing at the main address 710 E Second Avenue to have the overage at the property to 1360 units as a base to bill since there is only one meter located at this parcel. Anything over this consumption will be billed as water overage. The sewer and garbage will remain the same at the property as long as a tenant resides in the second dwelling. This is one parcel with two separate dwellings. The option to go down to one garbage service was offered. If tenant moves out and second dwelling becomes vacant with no one residing there, the sewer service will then be billed at the sewer loan rate only. The owner at this time claimed he will not be making any changes at the moment but changing the second dwelling back into a garage is a possibility in the future. A motion to change the billing was approved by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Iverson, motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Public Works Director Webster brought before council the town is in great need to purchase four more sewer grinder pumps immediately this year 2021. Public Works had to replace multiple pumps recently that have failed. Council approved the purchase of four new grinder pumps from reserves upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Iverson.
- The council had further discussion regarding the 2022 budgetary revenue sources.

- A public hearing for the 2022 Property Tax Levy was set for 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021, upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- A public hearing for the 2022 Budget was set for 7:00 p.m. on November 22, 2021, upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

#### POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's activities. The new recruit Officer is doing well in Academy, but due to statewide mandates and shortage on employees there is minimal instructors. Officer Diaz is due to graduate December 10, 2021 on schedule.

#### FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. The construction project is set to lay asphalt the next couple days October 26 and 28 weather permitting. On Wednesday October 27 the contractor, Public Works, and the town Engineer are set to do a walk-through for final punch list items that need completed before the construction project is final. The contractor is hydroseeding the hill up to the water tower where construction took place. The water meters are on back order and not due to arrive until March 2022. At that time the contractor will come back to town and install them.

#### 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 7:26 p.m.

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Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer