

Odessa Town Council Minutes

February 8, 2021

REGULAR ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 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, Police Chief Jimerson, Zoning Commissioner Kneer, and public citizens.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Town property on north side of town by water tower.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The January 25, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

February 8, 2021 claim clearing checks totaling \$13,101.08 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Metropolitan Park Pool District board discussed financial options for the year 2022. They are asking for the town to include the pool budget into the fiscal year 2022 as their funding does not go into place until Fall of 2022. The board is hoping to do a bridge loan from the town or some kind of loan they could repay once funding has gone through. It was also brought up that cement work needs to be completed at the pool and possibly when the Lion's club has some cement work done in town, they could have the work done at that time as well for a discounted cost.
- Business owner Nate Lathrop submitted a request for the Annual Car Show to temporarily close both North and South Division on July 4, 2021. The Council saw nothing wrong with the new date and is okay with the closure of the street for the car show.
- Discussion was brought up about the current problem with the recycle cardboard bin. The amount of money that is being charged for recycle service, the town is currently absorbing and not charging the residents. The town has gone from two pickups a month to now two pickups weekly causing the amount of dollars for this service to skyrocket. The Clerk's office reached out to Consolidated Disposal who currently has the garbage contract. They sent over a quote for individuals to have their own recycle bins. It was brought up to move the recycle cardboard bin back over by the police station so it can be monitored better. Other suggestions said to use the backhoe and push down the boxes so more space can be utilized. This was tabled until next meeting and figures are calculated more accurately.
- The Old Dump key system has become a problem with residents returning the keys back to the Clerk's Office. It has become an expense with having to change out the locks and get keys to all who have them. The town would like a new system in place for our fee schedule for a twenty-

five-dollar deposit when the key is picked up in the office along with a signature on our sign-out sheet for keys. Once the key is returned to the Clerk's Office, the customer will get the fifteen dollars back after the ten-dollar fee is taken out for dump cost. If keys are not returned the town will keep all funds to cover the re-keying and new lock purchase. This was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

- Ex-Town Marshall Brent Dell's name is to be removed from all banking accounts and activity. Replacing his name with new Police Chief Jimerson to all the accounts, motion was approved by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- A citizen from the town would like to purchase a piece of town property adjacent to his current property on the North side of town by the water tower. Council would like more information from the county on how that could happen. Town Clerk-Treasurer Bohn will look into the details and legality with Lincoln County. It will be reported back to council once researched on what would need to be done or if it is possible.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents.

FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. Multiple graves have been dug at the cemetery lately. A town sewer pump is getting rebuilt currently. Plans are being looked at for the new lift station. Public Works is locating water valves for the new project that is coming up for the Water and Streets 2021 project. Flushing of water lines is being done around the town in the next couple of weeks.

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 8:00 p.m.

Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer