

Town of Odessa Council Minutes  
Monday, February 9, 2009-7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Plinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Plinski, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Kolterman, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Ramm, Clerk-Treasurer Burghard, Town Marshal Wren, Ron Costlow, Ed Hayden, Jerry Schafer, Cory Carstensen, and Ed Crosby.

APPROVAL COUNCIL MINUTES-APPROVAL FEBRUARY BILLS-APPROVAL  
JANUARY PAYROLL

- The Council minutes of January 26, 2009 were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Kolterman, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Claims Clearing Warrants No. 13267-13290 totaling \$32,571.21 were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Kolterman, seconded by Councilmember Fisher with Councilmember Ramm abstaining from the Ramm Hardware warrant.
- Payroll Clearing Warrants No. 7402-7418 totaling \$29,876.24 were approved and carried upon a motion by Councilmember Kolterman, seconded by Councilmember Ramm.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ed Hayden recommended to the Council, that since the two local levies passed maybe the Council should consider raising their salaries and further suggested that the employees be also given a 3.5% merit raise.

Ron Costlow and Jerry Schafer also discussed employees' wages and suggested that the Council consider utilizing a town administrator.

Mayor Plinski asked the finance committee to research the suggestions.

RENTAL WAIVER-PRESCHOOL

A letter from the Odessa preschool requesting a rental waiver for their upcoming fundraiser was reviewed. Cory Carstensen presented an overview of the event for the Council and public. A rental waiver as approved, upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Kolterman.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT

No report was given.

POLICE REPORT

Town Marshal Wren reported Officer Peterson and himself have completed First Aid, CPR and Blood borne Pathogens continuing education.

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Marshal Wren added that he would be attending a police liability class presented by AWC.

He added that in March, a class regarding firearm training would take place in Lincoln County with County Police.

Adequate police coverage for the Town and prioritizing calls was discussed.

#### PUBLIC WORK'S REPORT

Mayor Plinski reported on departmental activities and added that R. Sebesta PWD and S. Finkbeiner APWD are attending continuing education classes.

Clerk-Treasurer Burghard asked for the approval to pay quarterly excise tax prior to the February 23, 2009 Council date, as the payment is due February 25, 2009. The request was approved upon a motion approved and carried by Councilmember Kolterman, seconded by Councilmember Fisher.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Plinski reported on the EDC and Mayor meeting which he attended.

#### ADJOURN

With no further matters to discuss, Mayor Plinski adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Douglas Plinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Burghard, Clerk-Treasurer