

# Odessa Town Council Minutes

June 14, 2021

## PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was regarding tree and sidewalk issues at address 305 S Alder Street. This meeting was opened up to the public for comment. No public comments were asked. The owner stated they will be cutting the roots of the tree and repairing the sidewalk back to ground level in the very near future. Mayor Crossley adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

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

## ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Deletion of building permit 2021-17 for new fence at 505 E. Marjorie Avenue.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 24, 2021 regular Council Meeting Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

May Payroll, Treasurer's Report, June 14, 2021 claim clearing checks 10178-10197 and EFT totaling \$38,399.94 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Parks and Recreation program in town asked about using the Community Center for their Summer activities programs. They would like to rent the Center for an hour weekly for an eight-week course starting in July and ending in August on a package deal rate. Council said they did not see a problem with that as long as liability insurance is in place for the program so the Town is not liable if injury was to occur. They are going to check on other spaces but will let us know shortly if they intend to use the facility or not.
- Old Town Hall Rejuvenation Society gave updates on remodels and restoration to the Old Town Hall Building that are starting shortly. Also reported they had the best yard sale with just under \$5,500.00 being brought in from proceeds. The Old Town Hall has been considered for a Lowe's Hometown Grant for the building. It is in the works and will be announced at a later date if they get it or not.

- The Public Hearing was set for the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Lobe, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.
- Building Permit 2021-15 for a re-roof at 208 E Fourth Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.
- Building Permit 2021-16 for a new fence at 307 E First Avenue was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Kramer, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

#### POLICE REPORT

Chief Jimerson reported on all the department's numerous calls and incidents. An update was given on the current police officer job opening. The position has been filled and the new Officer will be starting the first part of July.

#### FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report.

#### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Webster reported on departmental activities. They are currently short staffed with vacations and illness. Pool is almost complete and ready to go for the season. One more pump and concrete work is needed. There is currently a Chlorine shortage, but the town has enough for this season. Water repair was needed on a sink hole on Alder Street in the middle of the road. Public Works is working on a grant with our Engineer to get 40% for purchase of new town vehicles. Water interruptions and discolored water may occur during construction that is currently going on.

#### COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Watkins said he would like the Council to approve \$24,000 to be moved from the police budget salary line item into police vehicle purchase line item. The town has been short on a police officer and it is in great need for a new police vehicle. This was made into a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Watkins.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley reported that a Coronavirus stimulus for the Town has been submitted for \$249,000. Half would be paid in 2021 and the other half would be paid in 2022. It will be announced shortly if we are approved for the stimulus or not.

#### ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

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Meri Jane Bohn, Clerk-Treasurer