

Odessa Town Council Minutes

July 13, 2020

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Crossley called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Crossley, Councilmember Iverson, Councilmember Kramer, Councilmember Lobe, Councilmember Watkins, Councilmember Hunt, PWD Webster, Clerk/Treasurer ProTem Kiesz, Zoning Inspector Knerr, Airport Manager Dammel and public citizens.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

- Under “New Business” Item d – Convergent, Solar Battery Storage was discussed and tabled, the council would like an invitation sent to Howard Kruger for an in-council presentation to explain and discuss the possibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The June 22nd 2020 Minutes were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Hunt, seconded by Councilmember Kramer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Kramer thanked Gail Kiesz for coming out of retirement to help the Town during the time of transition between Clerk’s, becoming our Clerk/Treasurer ProTem

APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS

- The June Treasurer’s Report, June Payroll checks #9417-9445 plus EFT’s totaling \$51,777.75 and the July 13,2020 claim checks #9416 and 9447-9474 totaling \$92,414.84 were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Code of Conduct discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Marshal Dell can attend for question and answers.
- The General Penalty discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Marshal Dell can attend for question and answers.
- CARES Act Grant Offer – No. 3-53-0040-010-2020
\$20,000 grant was received for Airport use, Mr. Dammel reported the monies once received were available until used in its entirety, with the plan to use it for crack sealing on the taxiway, and parking pads. The motion for approval was made by Council member Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lobe.
- Visiting Speaker Margie Hall shared information about a CARES relief grant of \$27,000.00 will be shared with businesses affected by COVID19. With Council approval, Ms. Hall will move forward with the grant for the benefit of Odessa businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

- Possible code revision – Lynn Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt discussed his concerns about the utility charges to a commercial building that he had recently purchased. The Council agreed to do further research.
- Building Permits 2020-20 – reroof - 111 E Fourth Ave were approved upon a motion by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Hunt.

- Councilmember Watkins was elected Mayor ProTem upon a motion approved and carried by Councilmember Iverson, seconded by Councilmember Hunt
- Resolution 2020-11, fixing monthly supplemental sewer surcharges for Limitedbid Packing, LLC. was approved upon a motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Hunt.

FIRE REPORT

There was no Fire Report.

MARSHAL'S REPORT

There was no Police Report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

PWD Webster reported the project to re-hook up water to the golf course utility shed has been completed. The south lift station has a leak and will be monitored. The grinder pump budget has been maxed and Mr. Webster will be asking for an amendment to increase the budget for continued repair and maintenance. The yard clean up from the previously passed yard waste resolution has begun and home owners are being invoiced.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Watkins reported on an EDC zoom meeting that he had participated in regarding grant funding that was available to provide better internet services for homes and business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crossley had no additional information to share.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Crossley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor William F. Crossley

ATTEST:

Gail Kiesz, Clerk-Treasurer ProTem