

Town Newsletter

By Mayor Doug Plinski

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Surviving Tough Times

Odessa's 2009 Budget

Rest assured good citizens of Odessa that the Town of Odessa will continue to provide quality services during this current economic crisis that our county, our state and our nation face. I want to take this opportunity to thank my frugal staff and the previous and current administration for their fiscally responsible actions. Unnecessary spending has been eliminated. Rainy days are coming and they made sure we shall survive.

If the wheels don't fall off the bus, here's a list of projects in random order of what we hope to accomplish in the year 2009. Some of these projects could be put on hold if revenue shortfalls go beyond our projections.

1. We currently have 62 metal street light poles that have not been painted in several decades. Our goal is to paint 31 in 2009 and the remainder in 2010.
2. Paint the Community Center building restoring much of the original German motif. This will include replacing deteriorating fascia and some molding boards. Our hope is to use volunteer labor where it is safe to do so.

3. Repair the swimming pool deck. This needs to be done in increments prioritizing the most critical areas first. This project will be ongoing for several years as funding becomes available.
4. Remove and possibly replace some decaying trees at Reiman Park.
5. Provide our 2 ½ % matching fund for land acquisition enabling an airport expansion.
6. Designate additional funding for the runway expansion for the year 2010.
7. Install a street light on Dobson Road near the northwest corner of the bridge and east of the La Collage Inn.
8. Replace the roof on the City Shop building. (project funded in 2008)
9. Earmark funding to replace the aging computer system at the City Hall for the year 2010.
10. Provide for the mandated preservation and painting of the military tank at the Odessa Cemetery.