

Town of Odessa

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 - 7:00 PM OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey

Council Member Bob Grove (arrived 7:12-he notified Mayor Harvey he would be a few minutes late)

Council Member Betts Jackson

Council Member Lindsay Rice

Council Member John Freeman

Secretary Barbara Roberts

0 community members, Delaware State Police

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – all present
- III. Delaware State Police Report – Attached hereto as Attachment A&B
 - a. Lt. Dan Hall presented the police report and Council members Betts Jackson and John Freeman mentioned they had noticed an increase in Police presence in the Town.
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Mayor & Council 7/6/09, Attached hereto as Attachment C

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY BOB GROVE TO
ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 7/6/09 REGULAR MEETING
OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- V. Correspondence
 - a. League of Local Government/Municipal Street Aid, Attached hereto as Attachments D & E
 - i. Mayor Harvey noted the Town will lose \$11,000 in street aid funding and noted the Town will tap into the street aid funds for street lights for 1 year. The Town of Odessa uses those funds for street lighting, snow plowing & police coverage.
 - ii. Mayor Harvey will contact Rep. Cathcart to inquire if there is some type of funding to replace the street aid money.
 - b. Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant, Attached hereto as Attachment F
 - i. The Town was awarded \$20,000 from this grant, we are waiting for the application to become available.

- ii. The Mayor asked the Council to consider using this grant to replace the 20 year old heating and air-conditioning units in the Olde Academy building. A lengthy discussion followed, and it was decided that an “energy audit” should be completed on the building. Mayor Harvey asked Councilman Grove to research possible energy consultant’s to review the building.

VI. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Balance Sheet from June 30, 2009 & July 31, 2009, Attachment hereto as attachment G & H

MOTION BY BOB GROVE, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE, TO APPROVE BOTH THE JUNE 2009 AND JULY 2009 BALANCE SHEETS.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- b. Transfer to ING
 - i. The Orange Business Account, passwords and signature releases have been set up.

VII. Appointments

- a. Treasurer - no
- b. Historic Commission (1) - no
- c. Tree Commission (1) - no

VIII. Commission Reports

- a. Historic- meeting was on 7/20/09. On 8/13/09 Historic will be reviewing the requests from the Fire Company, Jackson’s and Town Hall.
- b. Planning- meeting on 7/16/09 was canceled, no quorum.
- c. Trees- meeting on 7/28/09
 - i. Tree Commission has received two grants: one for maintenance in the amount of \$2,200.00 and one for planting in the amount of 795.00.
 - ii. The Mayor also asked for clarification on writing a contract with Bradley Tree Service for the annual tree grant application.

Action: Councilman Bob Grove volunteered to draft a contract that could be used for the tree grant application with Bradley Tree Service

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business

- a. Ordinance 2009-2: Waste Water Service Agreement
 - i. Ordinance 2009-2, 1st Reading. Public response and 2nd reading will take place next month. Attached hereto as Attachment I & J.
- b. Resolution 2009-10: Adopt Zoning Map. Certifying the official zoning map for the Town of Odessa. Attached hereto as Attachment K & L

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON AND SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2009-10: ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE TOWN OF ODESSA

MOTION CARRIED: VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- c. Authority to apply for park grant
 - i. Mayor Harvey met with Boyce Associates and received an estimate on the costs of replacing the play equipment at the Olde Academy Park at \$30,000.
 - ii. Grant monies available through the Federal program is a matching grant \$15,000 town/\$15,000 grant.
 - iii. It was determined that she should apply for \$40,000 to cover any additional costs.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON AND SECONDED BY BOB GROVE TO APPLY FOR A \$40,000 GRANT, USING \$20,000 OF REALTY TRANSFER TAX FUNDS.

MOTION CARRIED: VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- d. Authority to establish a Historic Preservation Grant Fund
 - i. There was a lengthy discussion on funding and dispersing this grant and it was decided that \$6,000 should be put into a new ING account for the Odessa Historic Preservation Program.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON AND SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO SET UP A NEW “ING” ACCOUNT FOR THE ODESSA HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

MOTION CARRIED: VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

- e. Emergency Operations Plan
 - i. Town’s state wide are working on this plan to coordinate resources in the event of an emergency.
- f. Amend Budget: Office Equipment Funds - \$2,000
 - i. The Mayor asked the Town Clerk to research the costs of new filing cabinets and submit a proposal to purchase desks and/or filing cabinets.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON AND SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT PORTION OF THE BUDGET BY \$2,000 AND REVIEW PROPOSALS ON THE COSTS OF THIS NEW EQUIPMENT.

MOTION CARRIED: VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

XI. Next Meeting’s Date and Time:

- a. The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council will take place on Tuesday September 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm., since the first Monday is the Labor Day Holiday

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes Submitted: 8/13/2009
Date

Secretary

Approved: _____

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