

*Town of Odessa*  
**MINUTES FROM THE BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 - 6:30 PM**  
**OLD ACADEMY BUILDING**

Those present at 6:30 PM:

Mayor: Kathy Harvey  
Council Member: John Freeman  
Council Member: Betts Jackson  
Council Member: Lindsay Rice  
Council Member: Harvey Smith

Treasurer: Lionel Hynson

Town Secretary: Barbara Roberts

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- I. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call – Full Council & Treasurer present
- III. 2015-2016 Budget Workshop
  - Mayor Harvey presented the proposed 2015-2016 Budget spreadsheets. Discussion involved the draft proposal. Attached hereto as attachment A (three pg. document).
  - Budget timeline is from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
  - Increase funding to the Tree Commission.
  - Increase funding for professional and accounting fees.
  - Capital expenses will include renewing mulch around playground equipment, additional tree work in Town and replacing the pedestrian crossing sign in front of the Post Office.
  - Based on our contract with Waste Industries, the rate for trash/recycling/yard waste will increase slightly.
  - Reviewed recommendations on salaries for the Town Secretary and Town Clerk.
  - Submitted a reduction in interest rates charged against unpaid taxes from 5% to 2% percent.
  - The tax rate per \$100 of assessed value will not increase, so there will not be a tax increase for fiscal year 2015-2016.
  - Mayor & Treasurer are discussing plan to proceed with unpaid taxes.
  - No notification has been received concerning Municipal Street Aid funding for fiscal year 2015-16.

- All other items remain the same, with modest increases reflected.
- Council was in agreement to move the proposed Budget to Council for approval.

IV. Next Meeting Date & Time – No additional Budget Meetings necessary

V. Adjournment:

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 6:42 PM**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Minutes Submitted: 5/4/15

Barbara Roberts

Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_