

# *Town of Odessa*

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 - 7:00 PM  
OLD ACADEMY BUILDING  
315 MAIN STREET  
ODESSA, DE 19730**

Those present at 7:00 pm

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

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

2 community members, Jerry & Helen Unruh

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance & meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO EXCUSE LIONEL HYNSON FROM THE MAY 2, 2016 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council (2 page minutes document)

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 4-2-16 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

- IV. Correspondence - *None*
- V. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Balance Sheet/Profit and Loss as of 4-30-16, attached hereto as attachments A & B (3 pg. report).
    - Assessment has been posted

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORTS FROM 4-3 4-30-16.**

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

- VI. Appointments (list attached hereto as attachment C – 1 page list)
  - a. Board of Adjustment
    - Connie Miller: 3 year term
  - b. Board of Elections
    - Carole Coleman: 1 year term
    - Linda Sydnor: 1 year term
    - Connie Miller: 1 year term
  - c. Historic Commission & Alternate
    - Debbie Buckson: 2 year term
    - Neeka Grove: 3 year term
      - Alternate: Carole Coleman: 1 year term
  - d. Planning Commission
    - Carole Coleman: 3 year term
    - David Sydnor: remainder of 3 year term
  - e. Tree Commission
    - 3 Open Positions
  - f. Town Secretary
    - Barbara Roberts: 1 year appointment
  - g. Town Solicitor
    - Barrett Edwards: 1 year appointment
  - h. Town Engineer
    - Edward Ide: 1 year appointment

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY HARVEY TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AS PRESENTED.**

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

- VII. Commission Reports
  - a. Historic – No April meeting
  - b. Planning – No April meeting
  - c. Trees – No April meeting

VIII. Old Business -*None*

- IX. New Business
  - a. Discussion from the Budget Workshop
    - Council agreed to move the Budget to a vote.
  - b. Approval of 2016-2017 Budget, attached hereto as attachment D (3 page budget)

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE THE 2016-2017 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ODESSA.**

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

- c. Ord. 2016-01: Amend ord. 97-1 Zoning Ordinance, section 81, C-1 General Commercial District 81-1, Permitted Uses – add #13 to read: Single Family Dwelling.
  - i. This is a first reading of Ordinance 2016-01, the ordinance will move forward to the Planning Commission.

- Harvey Smith asked Council to expend \$50.00 purchase a flag for Hero's.

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON THAT THE TOWN PURCHASE A FLAG TO HONOR VETERANS, THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED, AT MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

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

- Artesian Water Company sponsored another meeting in Town concerning public water.
- Some residents have complained to the Town about standing water in neglected swimming pools and their concern about mosquito breeding and general health and safety issues related to these pools.
- Council decided after a lengthy discussion to pursue a maintenance agreement for the Town of Odessa to address vacant and neglected properties.

- X. Next Meeting Date and Time  
a. Next meeting of Mayor & Council, June 6, 2016 at 7:00

- XI. Adjournment

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 PM.**

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

Minutes Submitted: 5-4-16  
Date

Barbara Roberts  
Secretary

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