

Town of Odessa

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 - 7:00 PM
OLD ACADEMY BUILDING
315 MAIN STREET
ODESSA, DE 19730**

Those present at 7:00 pm

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

Treasurer:

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Members of Odessa Boy Scout Troop #204

I. Pledge of Allegiance & meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY HARVEY SMITH TO EXCUSE JOHN FREEMAN FROM THE DECEMBER 5TH MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council 11-7-16 (4 page minutes document)

MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

IV. Correspondence

a. Notice from Artesian Water Company, attached hereto as attachment A (1 pg. notice)

- Council discussed the latest notice from Artesian Water Company informing residents that Artesian Water Company will be the exclusive provider of domestic public water within town limits.

- Councilmember Harvey Smith announced that the Odessa Fire Company's water rating has improved, which could have a positive impact on homeowners insurance.
- Councilmember Betts Jackson noted her concerns about costs to some individuals that cannot afford the hook-up if their well fails.

V. Treasurer's Report

- a. Balance Sheet/Profit and Loss as of 11/30/2016, attached hereto as attachments B & C (3 pg. report).

MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR 11-30-2016

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

- Mayor Harvey also updated Council on the progress of the Town audit, which is in its final stages of review.

VI. Commission Reports

- a. Historic – No November Meeting
 b. Planning – No November Meeting
 c. Trees – No November Meeting

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. New lighting proposal for back of the Old Academy building, attached hereto as attachment D (1 page proposal)
- Mayor Harvey had asked Thorn Electric for a proposal to upgrade the lighting on the back of the Old Academy building directing light onto the park at night.

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM THORN ELECTRIC TO UPGRADE THE LIGHTING ON THE BACK OF THE OLD ACADEMY BUILDING

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

- b. Motion to cancel the January 2017 meeting of Mayor & Council

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 2017 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

- Mayor Harvey stated that she was contacted by the State that the surveying work earlier in the fall was because the Town of Odessa was chosen to be part of future ADA compliance work.
- Mayor & Council then opened the floor to questions from the visiting Boy Scout Troop #204 members

IX. Next Meeting Date and Time

- a. Next regular meeting of Mayor & Council, February 6, 2017 at 7:00pm

X. Adjournment

MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS

Minutes Submitted: 12-8-16
Date

Barbara Roberts
Secretary

Approved: _____
Date