

# *Town of Odessa*

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 - 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

Treasurer: Lionel Hynson

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

2 community member

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I. Pledge of Allegiance & meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO EXCUSE  
LINDSAY RICE FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2015 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Mayor & Council Minutes 7/6/15 (3 page minutes document)

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE THE  
MINUTES FROM THE 7-6-2015 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

IV. Correspondence - *None*

V. Treasurer's Report

a. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss as of 7-31-15, attached hereto as attachments A  
& B (3 pg. report).

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE  
TREASURERS REPORTS FROM 7-31-15.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- VI. Commission Reports
  - a. Historic – Meeting Date 7-9-15
  - b. Planning – No July Meeting
  - c. Trees – No July Meeting
- VII. Old Business
  - a. Unpaid Tax Interest Rate
    - A lengthy discussion occurred between Council concerning the interest rate applied to unpaid taxes and how it is applied to delinquent accounts.
  - b. Delinquent Account
    - A commercial tax payer asked Council for relief from back tax interest rates on their unpaid taxes.
    - Council agreed to return in September to review delinquent accounts and;

**A MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER AND IN PARTICULAR, FOR MIDDLETOWN WELL DRILLING, CALCULATE THE INTEREST RATE AT 2%, GIVE THEM A FULL ACCOUNTING, AND RELIEF FROM THE INTEREST RATE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST WHILE COUNCIL IS DELIBERATING THIS ISSUE.**

**MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

- Council also agreed not to make any changes to resolution 2015-4 concerning how the interest rate on unpaid taxes is calculated and agreed to leave the wording as “2% on unpaid balance”. Attached hereto as attachment C (1 page resolution).

- VIII. New Business
  - b. September Meeting Date:
    - Council agreed because of the Labor Day holiday, the September meeting should be moved to September 14<sup>th</sup>.

IX. Next Meeting Date and Time

- a. Next meeting of Mayor & Council, Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm

X. Adjournment

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY HARVEY SMITH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:12 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Minutes Submitted: 7-6-2015  
Date

Barbara Roberts  
Secretary

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