

# *Town of Odessa*

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 - 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  
Council Member: John Freeman

Treasurer: Lionel Hynson (arrived 7:10pm)

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Helen & Jerry Unruh, David & Carol Sheats

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance & meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council 12-5-2016 (3 page minutes document)

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE  
THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2016 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

- IV. Correspondence
  - a. Artesian Water Company correspondence, attached hereto as attachment A & B (2 one page notices dated 12-1-16 & 1-19-17)
    - Mayor Harvey updated Council on Artesian's progress to-date and reminded everyone this hook-up to the public water system is voluntary.
    - Cantwell Water Co. customers are now Artesian Water Co.
    - Jerry Unruh commented on the advantages of staying on a well vs. public water.
    - After a lengthy discussion Council will vote in Section V, Treasurer's Report, item (c) to ratify the Agreement to connect the Old Academy building to public water.

- V. Treasurer's Report
- a. Balance Sheet/Profit and Loss as of 12-31-2016, attached hereto as attachments C & D (3 pg. report).
  - b. Balance Sheet as of 1-31-2017, attached hereto as attachments E & F (3 page report).

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT AS SUBMITTED FOR 12-31-2016 & 1-31-2017**

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

- c. Ratify Artesian hook-up for the Old Academy building

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY TO EXPEND THE FUNDS TO HOOK-UP THE OLD ACADEMY BUILDING**

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

- VI. Commission Reports
- a. Historic – No December & January Meetings
  - b. Planning – No December & January Meetings
  - c. Trees – No December & January Meetings

- VII. Old Business - *None*

- VIII. New Business
- a. 2015-16 Audit Report, attached hereto as attachment G (7 page report)
    - Mayor Harvey reported the audit report had no recommendations from the audit firm and the Town is in good financial shape.
  - b. 2017 Elections
    - Town elections are scheduled for April 3, 2017
    - Open positions are: Mayor – 2 year term  
Councilmember – 2 year term  
Councilmember – 2 year term
  - c. Appoint Election Board, attached hereto as attachment H (1 page report)

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPOINT CONNIE MILLER, CAROLE COLEMAN & LINDA SYDNOR TO THE 2017 ELECTION BOARD**

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

- d. Handicap Parking, attached hereto as attachment I (1 page State of Delaware resolution)
- A resident has requested a handicapped parking space in front of her house.
  - Since the space is on Main Street, the resident contacted the State and they have provided us with the resolution that will allow us to put up a sign at this space as long as the resident maintains a handicapped tag.

**MOTION BY LINDSAY RICE, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FROM THE STATE TO ENABLE THE TOWN OF ODESSA TO INSTALL A HANDICAP PARKING SIGN AT 407 MAIN STREET**

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

- e. Proclamation: March 10, 2017 Harriet Tubman & Thomas Garrett Day, attached hereto as attachment J (1 page proclamation)

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO PROCLAIM MARCH 10, 2017 HARRIET TUBMAN & THOMAS GARRETT DAY IN THE TOWN OF ODESSA**

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

IX. Next Meeting Date and Time

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

X. Adjournment

**MOTION BY HARVEY SMITH, SECONDED BY LINDSAY RICE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:24 PM.**

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

Minutes Submitted: 2-13-17  
Date

Barbara Roberts  
Secretary

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