

TOWN OF ODESSA

MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

JULY 12, 2021 MONDAY – 7:00 PM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNOR CARNEY'S PROCLAMATION THE TOWN OF ODESSA IS HOLDING THIS MEETING AS A VIRTUAL & PHONE CONFERENCE

The link to join the meeting via computer or smart device is:

<https://udel.zoom.us/j/84722372258>

MEETING ID: 84722372258

PASSCODE: 071659

by phone: 1-312-626-6799 or

1-646-876-9923

Those present at 7:00 PM

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith, Jr.

Councilmember: Betts Jackson

Councilmember: Ed Pollard

Councilmember: John Freeman

Councilmember: Lionel Hynson

Treasurer:

Secretary: Barbara Roberts

Guests or Community Members: Carol Sheats

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance, meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

II. Roll Call

MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO EXCUSE DEBBIE WHITTINGTON FROM THE JULY 12, 2021, MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting Mayor & Council Minutes

MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY ED POLLARD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 6-7-21 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL

MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

IV. Correspondence - *(will be reviewed further down in the agenda)*

V. Police Report – No State Police Report

- VI. Treasurer's Report
- a. Treasurer's Report as of 6-30-21, attached hereto as attachment A & B (3 pg. report)

MOTION BY ED POLLARD, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT AS SUBMITTED FROM 6-30-21

MOTION CARRIED. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- VII. Commission Reports
- a. Historic Commission: No June Meeting
 - b. Planning Commission: No June Meeting
 - c. Tree Commission: No June Meeting

- VIII. Old Business
- a. American Rescue Plan
 - Mayor Smith has attended several zoom meetings with State and County government concerning our requirements and restrictions on spending this funding.
 - The County and State will assign a representative to help us with legal expenditures and proper accounting procedures to track these funds.
 - As soon as we receive additional information, Mayor and Council will schedule a workshop to discuss our requirements.
 - Starting with the August meeting, Council will resume meeting in-person, unless the Governor extends his proclamation.
 - b. Verizon Cable TV Franchise Agreement, attached hereto as attachment C (3 page document)
 - The Town Secretary reviewed questions and comments from the Attorney's notes and from the previous Council meeting. An updated document with the comments from this meeting will be sent to the Attorney for his final recommendations before forwarding to Verizon.

- IX. New Business - *None*

- X. Next Meeting Date and Time: Next meeting of Mayor & Council: Monday August 2nd at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

- Mayor Smith announced that the Town Treasurer will be moving, so we will need to find another person to take this position.
- A resident asked questions about the empty property on Main Street, Mayor Smith said further discussion will resume when Council starts meeting in person.
- Windows have been measured for the interior storm windows and the painting contractor will start work soon on exterior painting and repairs at the Old Academy Building.

- Tree work will start on some of the streets in Town.
- Rt. 299 at the bridge will be closed from July 19th to 23rd for repair of an underground piping.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY BETTS JACKSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS

Minutes Submitted 7-15-21
Date

Barbara Roberts
Secretary

Approved: _____

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