

Town of Odessa

Minutes from the Historic Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 9, 2025
7:00 PM Meeting

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call – Commission members present were Carla Pyle, Debbie Buckson, Melissa Steeley and Todd Nelson. Neeka Grove was not present. Also attending was Mayor Harvey C. Smith Jr.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Meeting Minutes from 8-14-25: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Brian Rowe – 209 N. Sixth Street
 - Parcel #24003.00018
 - Addition of two car recycled asphalt driveway and pole barn style garage
 - The homeowners were present and provided clarification on the project. The pole barn will be a 24x28x10 tan pole barn building on a poured concrete foundation with dark brown wainscoting and vertical siding. There will be a single two car width steel traditional multi-block overhead door on the front elevation without windows. A light on either side of the overhead door is proposed. Two windows are proposed – one on the front elevation and one on the side elevation. A single width fiberglass door (2-panel with 9-light glass) is proposed on the side elevation with an exterior light. The 1' overhang (eave) is allowed if the homeowner decides to go with that option. A recycled asphalt driveway is approved.
 - **MOTION BY DEBBIE BUCKSON, SECONDED BY TODD NELSON, TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED ABOVE. MOTION WAS APPROVED. VOTE: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS**
- V. Old Business – There was no old business.
- VI. Public Comment – Mayor Smith informed the commission about the current status of 519 High Street (Parcel #24003.00060). He stated that the property has been vacant since 1980 and sold at sheriffs' sale back in April. A structural engineer on behalf of the buyer determined that the house was unsafe for occupancy and needed to be condemned. The town has its inspection agency, First State Inspection, conduct an independent evaluation of the property and their report agreed with the structural engineer. Mayor & Council voted on Monday night to condemn and demolish the structures on the property. The property has been posted with a condemnation notice. The new buyers are aware that this home is located in the Historic District, Architectural Design Standards are applicable, and the rebuild will need to comply with current zoning setbacks or a variance will need to be requested.

- VII. Next Meeting Date and Time – Next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2025 @ 7:00 PM.
- VIII. Adjournment – There was a motion by Debbie Buckson to adjourn, and it was seconded by Melissa Steeley. Motion was approved. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.