

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***March 16, 2015***

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Jake Dingman, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dolores Haley and Jeff Filkins with CP&P Versatile
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 2, 2015 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **CAMAS PRAIRIE & PALOUSE VERSATILE** – Jeff gave council members an update on the progress they are making in town. They purchased Ditzzy's for office space. They are looking at a few more properties in town for machinery. Construction on the new shop should happen in a few weeks. They will be hosting a Hot Iron Event with Versatile on May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> that will be held in Oakesdale.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES** – It has been five years since we last codify our ordinances. We have adopted 17 ordinances since the last update. Mary is waiting for a quote from Municipal Code Corporation and how we can put all our codes on our website.
  - B. **TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT** – Stillman Norton with Keller Associates put some information together for council members to consider having a Transportation Benefit District. The most common method of raising money for the Transportation Benefit District is through vehicle license fee. The maximum allowable amount to collect without a public vote is \$20 which is added to the vehicle license fees that are paid by the drivers each year. The funds are handled by the DMV and then transferred to the city. This method would help the town get funding for flooding problems and storm water drainage. Council members were not in favor of this option as they do not want to see our citizens being taxed by one more entity.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**JAKE** - Nothing at this time.

**AL** - He asked if we need to update our ordinance that prohibits marijuana. At this time, we are still good with what we have in place. He has noticed young adults are staying in a motor home at 207 W Bartlett where there is no running water and there has been some drug activity. This has been referred to our Town Marshals.

**TOM J.** - He noticed a truck on the "golf course" property the Town owns spraying the weeds. He was informed that Cory Doneen will be seeding the property to alfalfa for hay. He has permission to keep that property mowed and weed free for the exchange of the hay.

**TOM C.** - Nothing at this time.

**RANDY** - We need to have more council presence at city functions.

**DENNY** - The new owner of the Millcreek Tavern hopes to participate at Old Mill Days serving food and drinks.

**VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2015. Al Evans made a motion to approve paid checks #24316 - #24337 in the amount of \$4,499.75 for claims and \$7,160.08 for payroll totaling \$11,659.83 from March 5, 2015 through March 13, 2015. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes - **motion passed.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Jake Dingman seconded the motion, all council members voted yes - **motion passed.**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**