

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***May 18, 2015***

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Jake Dingman was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Peter Baljo and Dolores Haley
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed May 4, 2015 minutes. Al Evans made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **COUNCIL MEMBER APPLICANT INTERVIEWS** – Council members interviewed Dolores Haley and Peter Baljo for Council Position #2 replacing Jake Dingman. Mayor Palmer informed council members our third candidate, James Orton, could not make tonight’s meeting. Each applicant was asked to give a brief background about themselves and asked various questions from council members.
  - B. **POLICE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE** – Al Evans talked to Whitman County Sheriff, Brett Myers, regarding the use of force policy. Brett gave Al a copy of the county’s policy for a reference. The last time our police policy & procedure manual was updated was 2006. We need to establish a chain of command should a complaint be submitted against the Town Marshal.
  - C. **HOT IRON EVENT** – Mary reminded council members to register for Versatile’s Hot Iron Event if they planned on attending it this week on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Al Evans made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss council member candidates at 7:26 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to enter back into the regular council meeting at 7:33 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VIII. **SELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer asked each council member for their choice of new council member. There was one vote for Peter Baljo and

three votes for Dolores Haley. Dolores was welcomed aboard the council. She will be sworn in at the next meeting.

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

**AL, TOM J., TOM C. AND RANDY** – Nothing at this time.

**X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May 2015. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #24404 - #24419 in the amount of \$7,213.01 for claims and \$6,490.70 for payroll totaling \$13,703.71 from May 07, 2015 through May 15, 2015. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:08 p.m. Tom Crooks 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**