

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
September 21, 2015

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Dolores Haley, Al Evans, Tom Johnson and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 8, 2015 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **2016 BUDGET** – Council discussed budget items to consider for 2016:
- Replace carpeting in Library
 - Increased testing at the lagoons for DOE Wastewater Permit requirements
 - Copy machine for City Hall
 - Generator for the wells
 - Service the generator at the lagoons
- Mary will present a very rough draft of the 2016 budget at the next council meeting.
- B. **BRAD SULLIVAN'S RV PARK** – The letter of intent from Brad Sullivan was forward to Stephen Bishop and copies given to the Board of Adjustments.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **BILL OF SALE FROM UP RAILROAD** – We received a Bill of Sale from the Union Pacific Railroad selling the Town of Oakesdale the wooden railroad bridge located near Milepost 39.8 on the UP Railroad from Winona to Seltice Branch Line in Whitman County in the amount of \$1.00. The agreement states the Town shall be responsible for all costs and expenses to remove the bridge including the proper permits, liability insurance, asbestos disposal and hazardous materials removal of creosote timbers. Council members reviewed the Bill of Sale and emails containing

concern from AWC RMSA, liability insurance carrier, and Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney. AWC RMSA will be returning the agreement with their concerns and comments in a few days. This was tabled until more information could be obtained by both parties.

- B. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS** – Tom Crooks reported the Board of Adjustments met on September 19th at City Hall to review the letter of intent submitted by Brad Sullivan to live in his commercial building at 507 N First to manage a small RV Park. Those present for the meeting were Tom Crooks, Diane Hinkins, Claudia Louk, Jeffrey DeGon and Dick Brown. Mike Crossett was not available for the meeting. The board reviewed the request and was in favor of the new business and for Brad to live in his commercial building. Council members agreed with the board’s decision – Al Evans made the motion to accept the letter of intent from Brad Sullivan to permit him to occupy his commercial building year round to manage his RV Park with a Conditional Use Permit. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – Nothing at this time.

AL – There are still junk objects along the side of the road on East Bartlett across from the rental property at 305 E Bartlett. This will be referred to the Town Marshals.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – The cement corners of the sidewalk on Steptoe have yet to been fixed by Frontier. That sidewalk project was almost 3 years ago and Frontier has not finished the cement work from the poles being removed. This is a trip hazard and our engineering firm, TD&H, has tried multiple times to get Frontier to finish the work. Maybe we need to get our attorney involved and send Frontier a letter putting them on notice about the trip hazard of the sidewalk.

- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed September 2015 Treasurer’s Report. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #24561 - #24580 in the amount of \$3,098.70 for claims and \$8,032.08 for payroll totaling \$11,130.78 from September 10, 2015 through September 17, 2015. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer