

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
October 5, 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, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Bob Hooper, Public Works Director; Justin Derosier, Town Marshal and Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 21, 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Justin Derosier gave council members the police department’s activity report for September 2015. There were six cases ranging from welfare check, barking dogs, malicious mischief and suspicious circumstance. We are receiving more dog barking complaints with the moose in town.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** The manhole has been raised in the alley from the new addition of the Versatile shop. The shoreline at the lagoons has been rocked and reinforced per DOE’s recommendation. The tiger mower will not go in reverse. Bob is trying to get a replacement part for the mower. The outdoor recycling waste has been removed again.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2016 BUDGET** – Mary reviewed the rough draft of the 2016 budget with council members. There are many factors we are still waiting for actual costs. Al Evans said he would try to get some estimates on a generator to operate the wells. Council members were reminded we will be discussing the 2016 budget every council meeting until it is adopted in December.
 - B. **BRAD SULLIVAN’S RV PARK** – We are waiting for Stephen Bishop to submit a Conditional Use Permit, an Ordinance adding water and sewer rates for a RV Park and RV Park guidelines. Bob Hooper needs to assess the sewer system in that area before making a decision on the RV dumpsite.
 - C. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop talked about the railroad agreement being pretty standard language for the railroad. Our liability insurance agency, AWC RMSA, had many concerns and returned the agreement with many comments for us to review. The major point the liability insurance carrier had was the liability should

be placed on UP Railroad's shoulders instead of the Town's. The permitting process is proving to be another issue altogether. We couldn't begin to meet the 180 days timeline in the agreement for removing the bridge due to the extended length of time it would take to require all the proper permits. Stephen was asked to represent the Town in responding back to the railroad with the concerns he pointed out as well as the liability insurance carrier's concerns.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FALL CLEAN UP WEEK** – Whitman County will be having their Fall Clean Up Week during October 5th through October 10th with reduced rates. There will be no tire amnesty program this year as the County has lost their funding.
- B. WIRELESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR WELLS** – Bob Hooper submitted three bids from two vendors for changing the water relay line from the tower to the wells from using a phone line to wireless control. Frank Triplett recommended we go with the second bid from Handy Solutions for \$9,850. This not only gives us the wireless communication between the wells and water tower, but includes low water warnings alerts to Bob when the water tower is low or the wells are not kicking on. Council reviewed the bids and questioned what kind of warranty will the Town receive with the upgraded system. Bob said the warranty is for one year. Tom Johnson made the motion to go with bid #2 by Handy Solutions in the amount of \$9,850. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – Nothing at this time.

AL – Do we have a backup system in place on our computers at City Hall. The BIAS software that runs our system is backed up daily using two separate thumb drives that are alternated every other day.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Frontier has not fixed the two areas on the Steptoe sidewalk where the poles were removed. We are getting to almost 3 years now and time is running out to hold them accountable. Mary said we received a copy of an email from TD&H today showing Frontier has hired Bacon Concrete to come finish the work.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

MARY – The school will be placing 6 Nighthawk flags on our light poles located on the north side of Steptoe Street.

- X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for September 2015. Al Evans

made the motion to approve paid checks #24581 - #24600 in the amount of \$6,391.84 for claims and \$9,589.21 for payroll totaling \$15,981.05 from September 24, 2015 through September 30, 2015. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer