

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 2, 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 were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Bob Hooper, Public Works Director and Justin Derosier, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 19, 2015 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Justin Derosier gave council the police department’s report for October 2015. There were 6 cases ranging from suspicious circumstance, wanted person, stray animals, suicide attempt and communication problems. Al Evans asked Justin if he is aware of some gas thefts happening in Town. Nothing has been reported to the Town Marshals about any gas thefts. Justin reminded council members the calls in October do not include all the countless involvements with the moose in Town.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported two new water lines have been installed up on Mussing Road to replace the old line that 2 residences shared. A water leak was repaired on Front Street. The outdoor recycling center yard waste was hauled off again by Whitman County. He is still trying to find an agency to service the generator at the lagoons.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2016 BUDGET** – The Whitman County Gazette’s email has not been working and therefore they did not post our Public Hearing Notice in last week’s edition of the Gazette. They have created a new email address for use and the 2016 Preliminary Budget Hearing will be posted in the November 12th edition of the Gazette for the Public Hearing to be on Monday, November 16th at 7 p.m. before the regular council meeting. Estimated beginning and ending balances have been added to the budget. A generator for the wells has not been added yet as we are still awaiting more information.
 - B. **BRAD SULLIVAN’S RV PARK** – We are waiting on Stephen Bishop to compose the Conditional Use Permit, RV Park guidelines and add RV Park water/sewer rates to our Town Codes.

- C. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop is to respond back to the railroad with our concerns as well of our liability insurance carrier’s concerns.
- D. **WIRELESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR WELLS** – Bob Hooper is trying to get the installation scheduled with Bob Van Putten at Handy Solutions. Bob has been waiting on some equipment to arrive he ordered for the job.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **3RD QUARTER BUDGET POSITION** – Mary reviewed the three funds on the remaining available budget for 2015. Fund 001 Current Expense has \$34,547.50 available with 77% used; Fund 101 Streets has \$26,096.69 available with 68.3% used and Fund 401 Water/Sewer has \$27,955.51 available with 79.7% used.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – Nothing at this time.

AL – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – He was glad to hear the water issue has been taken care of at June Hyden’s house. The renter, Laurel Booth, had also been very vocal with him while he was handing out commodities last week. She had a plastic jug of water showing him how discolored her water had become during the new water line being installed.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer