

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 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, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **OATH OF OFFICES:** Mayor Palmer swore in council members Dolores Haley, Al Evans and Tom Crooks.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Pete, Joanna and Henry Simeau. They are here visiting their Aunt Dolores Haley.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 7, 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.**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **SMALL WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT** – Council members received a copy of the meeting notes from Department of Health for the December 14th meeting. We reviewed the technical capacity and goals of the current water system. We discussed the financial capacity and goals as well as policy goals. The next steps will be for the Town to apply for a \$25,000 Preconstruction Grant in January 2016. The application period begins on January 2nd and ends on January 31st. TD&H will perform the work pursuant to the SWSMP approval within that budget. The purpose of the grant is to identify priority projects in preparation for application for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan in September 2016. DOH will check to see if an income survey can be funded under its Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) contract. The purpose of the income survey is to determine what level of loan forgiveness is available for the DWSRF loan.
 - B. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop has not addressed the concerns of the agreement with the UP Railroad yet.
 - C. **WIRELESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR WELLS** – The installation of the wireless control between the wells and water tower is in the final phase. Bob needs good weather before climbing the water tank to finish the installation process. We will need a budget amendment to pay for this project.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CERTIFICATION OF LEVIES** – Council members received copies of the levy certification for both of the Town’s Propositions on the General Election Ballot. Proposition #1 for Fire Safety passed with 85.03% and Proposition #2 for Street Maintenance passed with 79.64%.

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 623** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 623 amending the 2015 budget. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 623 increasing the Water/Sewer Fund 401 by \$10,618.30 in account 538.98.48.01 Repairs & Maintenance of Equipment for the wireless remote system between the wells and water tower. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – He wanted to commend the Public Works Department for doing a good job on the snow removal.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

AL – He thanked everybody for their service and said it was a good year.

DOLORES – She also wanted to thank the Public Works Department for plowing the streets.

- IX. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for December 2015. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #24676 - #24693 in the amount of \$7,689.89 for claims and \$3,825.18 for payroll totaling \$11,515.07 from December 9, 2015 through December 17, 2015. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Dolores Haley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer