

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***January 19, 2016***

- 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 Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Elmo & Lisa Nelson
- They are trying to purchase the old drug store from Al Chidester located at 107 W Steptoe. The concept for the building would be a consignment store/lock smith/sewing machine repair store. Elmo currently has his own business Have Tools Will Travel. His Dad and sons will be operating the store with the help of hiring a local person. The Town currently has a lien on that property from past water and sewer charges that have been unpaid since January 09, 2008. The lien was filed on July 1, 2009 with a balance of \$584.70. The charges have continued to incur over the years leaving a current balance of \$3,693.88. Elmo asked council if they would be willing to relieve any of that outstanding debt on the property. Council members asked Elmo a few more questions and agreed to discuss the matter later on in the meeting. Council members thanked Elmo and Lisa for attending the meeting to inform council about their plans to open up a business in Oakesdale.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed January 4, 2016 minutes. Tom Crooks 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. **SMALL WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT** - No updates from TD&H. The grant is due by January 31, 2016.
- B. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** - Our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, did reply to the UP Railroad about the concerns he had along with our liability insurance carrier, AWC RMSA. The railroad has read Stephen's comments and asked him to make any corrections or comments to the agreement on the original agreement and return it to them for their review.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **DRUG STORE LIEN** - Council discussed how much they would be willing to relieve on the lien we have on the drug store which would allow a new business to come to

Oakesdale. After much discussion, the consensus from council members was to forgive \$2,883.61 leaving a balance of \$810.27. This will need to be paid in full before the Town will issue a release of lien.

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

**DOLORES** - Nothing at this time.

**AL** - He read the revised police policy manual and he has some questions about the updated contents. Al and council discussed some of his concerns. Al will review the current policy to compare the new changes. This will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.

**TOM C.** - Nothing at this time.

**RANDY** - Nothing at this time.

**VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed December 2015 Treasurer Report. Mary reminded council that tomorrow was the last day to pay any outstanding bill the Town occurred in December under the 2015 budget. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #24714 - #24721, #24727, #24730 - 24734 in the amount of \$14,204.62 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$14,204.62 for December 31, 2015 AND approve paid checks #24722 - #24726, #24728 - #24729, #24735 - #24740 in the amount of \$6,674.15 for claims and \$3,845.80 for payroll totaling \$10,519.95 from January 07, 2016 through January 15, 2016. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes - **motion passed.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:11 p.m. Al Evans 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**