

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
March 21, 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 Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Steve Marsh from TD&H and Steve DeGon

Steve wanted council members to know the reason that our small water system management plan grant was not funded by DOH. Department of Health received 35 applications and had enough funding to only fund 6 applications. Those six applications were all at a risk level of a 5 and our risk level is a one. Steve asked council members if they would be interested in applying for a loan from the drinking water revolving fund for the small water system management plan. We would not be out any funds for applying and if we do not like the loan terms we can refuse the loan. Council members' consensus was to allow TD&H to complete an application for the drinking water revolving fund. The application is due by April 29, 2016.

Steve DeGon heard council members were considering what other towns have in their Town Codes for allowing swine in city limits. He is against changing the zoning codes to allow swine within city limits.

- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 7, 2016 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. **SMALL WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT** – This was discussed under Introduction of Guests with Steve Marsh from TD&H Engineering.
- B. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – No updates from Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney.
- C. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL UPDATE** – Keith Cooper is still reviewing the manual.
- D. **FARM ANIMALS** – Council members reviewed Town Codes from the City of Rosalia. The Rosalia FFA barn is located outside of city limits. Mary called Tekoa and they also do not allow swine within their city limits. The Tekoa FFA barn is also located outside of city limits. Council considered the pro's and con's of changing the zoning code. Council members' consensus was to not change the zoning code. Swine will

continue to be an animal not allowed within our city limits. Council members asked to review the letter the Mayor sent to the Johnsons regarding the confirmation their pigs will need to be processed for meat and they can not add any more pigs to their property. Council members were satisfied with the letter and asked the Mayor to send another letter to the Johnsons informing them of council's decision to not change the zoning codes.

- E. **GENERATOR FOR WELLS** – We need to check our small works roster first for any contractor that could give us a bid on a generator. If no one is qualified for that then we will need to go to bid. We will need the well specs from Bob.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **WHITMAN COUNTY SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK** – We received an email from Ruthy McGillic, the weekend scale clerk at the Whitman County Landfill, informing us during the week of April 8th to April 16th the rate is reduced from \$102/ton to \$35/ton and the minimum charge is \$15 up to 820 pounds. Mary will include this information in our Town newsletter and post signs around town for our residents.
- B. **METER READING** – Mary informed council it has been five months since we last read the water meters. Bob will read the meters at the end of the week. Council members were reminded that we may have some undetected water leaks and we could see a few water relief petitions for that reason at the next few council meetings.

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

DOLORES, AL, TOM J., TOMC., AND RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- VIII. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2016. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #24798 - #24815 in the amount of \$5,264.93 for claims and \$3,811.00 for payroll totaling \$9,075.93 from March 10, 2016 through March 17, 2016. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer