

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
May 2, 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 were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Nathan Nordstrom introduced himself to council members. He and his family are new to Oakesdale and they have purchased Marlene Brown's home.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed April 18, 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave council members his department's report for April 2016. There were eight cases ranging from suspicious, malicious mischief, trespassing, theft, recovered stolen vehicle, welfare check and civil problem. Whitman County Sheriff's Office handled five calls consisting of vehicle prowling, unattended death, animal noise, recovered stolen vehicle and welfare check. Justin employment with the Town is officially done. Keith ordered the new security camera system last week as we did receive the grant from AWC RMSA.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported the water meters were read, the yard waste was hauled away from the recycling center, the lagoons are done being discharged, and busy mowing. We purchased a pull behind sprayer to control the weeds in alleyways, city right-of-way and town property.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – No updates
 - B. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL** – Keith said he was still working on it.
 - C. **GENERATOR FOR WELL** – Council members reviewed a quote from Dorsh & Kahl that was in the amount of \$41,000 without sales tax. The Town will need to go to bid for a generator. We will get a bid written up and put in the Gazette in the next few weeks.
 - D. **AWC RMSA GRANT** – We were awarded the Loss Prevention Grant from AWC RMSA to replace our old security cameras at City Hall in the amount of \$1,700.00.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Keith Cooper discussed his view on the option of adding a Code Enforcer to our Police Department. Keith acknowledged about 85% of his job duties are handling code enforcement. Randy Robinson stated council was just trying to lessen the load for Keith since we are down to one Town Marshal. Council discussed changing Keith’s position from an hourly wage to a flat salary per month to give Keith a bit more flexibility in hours. The Safety Committee, consisting of Randy & Al, will meet about salary options for Keith and report back to council members at the next council meeting.
- B. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT** – Mary will be attending an annual report workshop at BIAS on May 10th to compile the 2015 Annual Report that is due to the State by May 29, 2016. Council members will be able to view the report at the next council meeting before the report is submitted to the State via the web portal.
- C. 2016 FALL DRINKING WATER PRECONSTRUCTION LOAN PROGRAM (DWPLP)** Steve Marsh from TD&H has submitted the loan application to DOH by their deadline of April 29th. The loan would be for \$25,000 with a 1% loan fee and 1.50% interest rate for six years.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – The vacant house across the street from her house on Pearl needs mowing. Nothing has been done this year to the yard. This will be referred to the Town Marshal.

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

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for April 2016. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #24854 - #24870 in the amount of \$5,212.52 for claims and \$6,445.19 for payroll totaling \$11,657.71 from April 21, 2016 through April 29, 2016. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – motion passed.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer