

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***June 6, 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 and Tom Johnson. Councilmen Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson were not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed May 16, 2016 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper was not able to be present at the meeting but he did turn in the police department’s monthly report for May 2016. There were eight cases ranging from welfare checks, burglary, vehicle theft, recovered stolen vehicle, vicious animal, warrant arrest and 911 hang-up. Ken Himes was arrested yesterday and we should see vehicle thefts stop in our area.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported the installation of the RV dumpsite has been completed. The yard waste was hauled away again by Whitman County. Diane Hinkins helped plant all the flower pots and barrels on the sidewalks. The sprinkler system at City Hall is going again. He is keeping busy mowing and spraying weeds. Bob presented a quote from Dorsh & Kahl to install the transfer switch on the generator at the lagoons. The installation cost is \$1,800 before taxes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the installation of the transfer switch on the generator at the lagoons. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop received an email from the railroad regarding asbestos removal on the bridge decking. The railroad will send someone out to inspect the bridge for asbestos. We did receive approval by our liability insurance for our Public Works staff to remove the decking.
  - B. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL** – Still a work in progress.
  - C. **GENERATOR FOR WELL** – We still need to place an ad in the paper to go to bid for the purchase of a generator for the well. We may get some assistance in writing the ad to make sure we get all the well specs correct.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. REQUEST FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION WATER CONNECTION** – Council members reviewed a request from Michael Graham who recently purchased the property at 605 N First St for a water connection. The property used to have an old house on it many years ago. Bob Hooper looked over the property to see if there was an existing water line still there, but there is not one remaining. We will have to run a new service line and install a new water meter to the property. Council consensus was to approve the request for a new water service line at 605 N First Street.
- B. SIX YEAR TIP** – Council members reviewed last year Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan and had no changes or additions to add to this year’s plan.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**DOLORES** – Nothing at this time.

**AL** – He inquired how much work we did for the new RV Park hookups. We only worked on putting in the RV dumpsite. The owner, Brad Sullivan, did all the work to the RV Park site. Mary reminded council members they agreed to put a RV dumpsite in by the RV Park last September.

**TOM J.** – He noticed the private vacant lots behind where he is living, are no longer being mowed. The neighbor used to mow it but stated he was no longer going to mow someone else’s property this year.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for May 2016. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #24886 - #24905 in the amount of \$9,873.90 for claims and \$5,857.72 for payroll totaling \$15,731.62 from May 19, 2016 through June 1, 2016. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Tom Johnson 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**