

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***October 3, 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 Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney; Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 19, 2016 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper was unable to attend the meeting, but council members reviewed the police report for September 2016. There were six cases ranging from custodial interference, injury accident, harassment, civil issue and 9-1-1 hang-up.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported the last water leak was repaired today at the intersection of Oakesdale Road and Steptoe Avenue. Bob has some concerns about the channel below the lagoons being full of rocks and silt. Our engineers, TD&H, will be coming out to look at the discharge pipe at the lagoons and complete a DOE report that is due by the end of the month. Al asked if the valve on the water tank has been fixed. We did have plumbers inspect the valve and they said the valve is so seized up they did not feel comfortable working on the valve. The plumbers did find two other valves in the ground that they believe also shuts the tank off, but we did not test their theory out. We need to find another professional plumber that will repair the seized up valve.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop is attempting to arrange a conference call between the railroad and our liability insurance company, AWC RMSA, in hopes both agencies will finally get on the same page about removing the decking on the old railroad bridge.
  - B. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL** – No updates
  - C. **DOH PRECONSTRUCTION LOAN** – The \$25,000 loan from Department of Health and the Small Water Systems Plan will all happen in 2017. It will take most of the year to complete the plan.

**D. 2017 BUDGET** – Mary reviewed with council members the changes to the budget since the last council meeting.

- The BIAS software agreement has been received and the budget was adjusted to reflect the new service agreement amount.
- Updated the property taxes
- Received TD&H’s estimate on the cost for completing the DOE Wasteload Assessment next year.
- Removed the costs of purchasing two solar radar speed limit signs
- Removed small equipment costs under Current 001 and Water/Sewer 401

Mary reminded council members the budget will continue to change as we receive more financial information between now and December 2016.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. BLACKBOARD COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** – Mary has requested contact and information from the company’s website twice. We still have not received any information about their notification system. Mary will ask the school who their contact is at Blackboard Communication System.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**DOLORES** – She reported there have been a lot of people talking about our water system. She was told by people attending the Town wide yard sale event that some our streets are missing street signs. Mary reminded council members that the street signs have been ordered for all of our streets.

**AL** – None

**TOM J.** – He asked if roosters are allowed in Town...NO! There has been loud music being played at a rental house on McCoy Street over the past weekend.

**TOM C.** – None

**RANDY** – None

**X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for September 2016. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #25052 - #25074 in the amount of \$7,643.98 for claims and \$9,363.32 for payroll totaling \$17,007.30 from September 22, 2016 through September 30, 2016. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 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**