

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
October 17, 2016

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR ONE PERCENT INCREASE ON PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE COUNTY – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. before the regular council meeting. Mary reviewed the one percent increase which amounts to an extra \$520.53 we would receive from the county from the previous year. Being there was no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Public Hearing.
- 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:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 3, 2016 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **UP RAILROAD AGREEMENT** – No updates on the agreement. Mayor Palmer brought up that he and Bob met with State Representatives Mary Dye and Joe Schmick last Monday regarding the creek needing to be ditched after the lagoons. We will be having a meeting soon with DOE & DOT to discuss the problem.
 - B. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL** – No updates
 - C. **2017 BUDGET** – There have been no changes to the 2017 budget since our last council meeting. We are still waiting for information on the increases to our employee benefits from AWC and on our liability insurance from AWC RMSA. There will be a Public Hearing before our next council meeting for the first budget hearing. The preliminary budget will include beginning and ending balances.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **BACKHOE REPAIRS** – We received a final estimate on the repairs of the backhoe from the car accident that occurred on September 12, 2016. The cost to repair the damaged backhoe is \$16,091.69. The insurance company has asked Rowand Machinery to expedite the repairs to minimize the rental expense of the backhoe we had to rent from Rowand Machinery while ours was in the shop for repairs. We should get our backhoe back next week.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0341 – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2016-0341 increasing the actual levy amount from Whitman County by one percent. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-0341 resulting in a \$520.53 increase from the previous year. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, four council members votes yes and one council member voted no – **motion passed**.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She has received a few complaints about the water pressure over by Bartlett & 6th Street area since the main was repaired. There is a street light out at 4th & Pearl Street.

AL – He would like to see us bring in other professionals to repair the valve on the water tank. Mary will refer this to our engineers, TD&H Engineering.

TOM J. – Nothing

TOM C. – Nothing

RANDY – Nothing

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for October 2016. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #25075 - #25092 in the amount of \$6,426.66 for claims and \$7,066.39 for payroll totaling \$13,493.05 from October 04, 2016 through October 14, 2016. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:23 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer