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## Town of Oakesdale

### NEWSLETTER

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#### NEW WATER RATES ON THE JAN. 29<sup>TH</sup> BILL

The new water rate of \$27.54 per month will show on your January 29, 2016 billing statement. You have been used to paying \$57.44 per month for the minimum water and sewer rates plus tax. The new monthly rate is now \$58.03 with the minimum water rate increasing from \$27 per month to \$27.54 per month. You receive 4,125 gallons or 550 cubic feet of water for the basic rate. If you should go over the allotted gallons or cubic feet, the cost remains the same at \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons.

#### 2016 DOG TAGS

Dog tags are required on all dogs residing in our city limits each year. The annual tags must be purchased by January 31, 2016 to avoid late fees and penalties. Dog tags that are purchased after the due date will incur a \$5 late fee making the dog tag cost \$12.50 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 if they are not spayed/neutered during the month of February. The late fees apply each month that the tag(s) are not purchased per dog. **REMEMBER...it is a state law and a Town Code that all dogs must be vaccinated for Rabies. Before a tag can be issued, we must have the Rabies tag number, expiration and veterinary that issued the tag.**

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings for the month of February will be Monday, February 1st and Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. due to the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The council meeting is moved to the following business day.

#### SPECIAL ELECTION

Please remember to vote on the **Special Election on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. There will be very important levies on the ballot from our School District and Park & Rec. Ballots were mailed out by the County on January 22nd and must be post marked by February 9<sup>th</sup> for your vote to count. **If you received the wrong ballot and got one for Tekoa instead, you have to call Whitman County Elections Department at (509) 397-5284. Many people received the wrong ballot in the mail. Every vote matters!**

#### TIB GRANT FUNDED

The Town of Oakesdale was awarded \$930,400 from the Transportation Improvement Board for our street project on Pearl, First and McCoy Streets and Second Street to Front Street. The design phase will be in 2016 with the construction in 2017. This project is 100% funded by TIB. The project is focused up by our school to improve the streets and create a loading/unloading zone which will be safer on a one-way-street by the elementary school.