

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
January 2, 2018

- 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 was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 18, 2017 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 could not be in attendance tonight as he had a death in the family yesterday. He did submit a written report to council members for December 2017 consisting of seven cases ranging from civil problem, 9-1-1 hang ups, animal problem, possible theft, injury accident and non-injury accident.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper could not attend the council meeting tonight as he has been placed on restricted work hours by his neurologist. No report was given.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PUBLIC WORKS POSITION** – Mayor Palmer and Mary interviewed Eric McDonald today for the Public Works Director position. Eric has his Waste Water Operator’s License Group II and is waiting for his application to be approved by Department of Health to obtain his water certification license. The interview went very well and he had good references. He was offered the position and he accepted. Eric’s first day will be Tuesday, January 16th. Bob’s last day will be January 31st.
 - B. **RAILROAD BRIDGE** – Council members discussed further the request by Commissioner Art Swannack to help the County pay for the removal of the Union Pacific railroad bridge outside of Oakesdale’s city limits. The County’s Public Works Department removed the bridge late last fall. Even though the Town did not verbally agree or sign an agreement consenting the Town would pay anything for the removal of the bridge, council agreed by consensus to pay half of the bill resulting in the amount of \$4,350.43.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-371** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2018-371 setting the salaries of certain employees for 2018. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-371 approving a 10% raise for the Clerk/Treasurer and setting the wage of the new Public Works Director. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-372** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2018-372 designating an official Town newspaper. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-372 naming the Whitman County Gazette the official Town newspaper for 2018. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-373** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2018-373 updating the Cost Allocation Plan. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-373 updating the Clerk/Treasurer’s allocations between Fund 001 and Fund 401. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- D. **MAYOR PRO-TEM** – Council consensus was to keep Al Evans as Mayor Pro-tem for 2018.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She updated council members on June Sharp’s condition after her fall.

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

RANDY – We need to purchase a foot valve for the electric 2 inch pump we use out at the treatment facility. The pump is extremely hard to prime to get it going. He thanked Steve for putting in the extra hours helping Bob out at the treatment facility over the weekend.

- X. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #25678 - #25703 in the amount of \$6,711.20 for claims and \$10,397.77 for payroll totaling \$17,108.97 from December 20, 2017 through December 29, 2018. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dolores Haley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer