

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***January 16, 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 Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed January 2, 2018 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **PUBLIC WORKS STAFF** – Our new Public Works Director, Eric McDonald, started his employment with the Town today. Eric will work from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. He will train with Bob Hooper from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Council members discussed Eric driving the PWD pickup back and forth from Rosalia where he lives. Since Eric is basically on call 24/7 council consensus was for Eric to commute back and forth with the Town pickup for work use only. George Cotterill has moved up his retirement date to February 28<sup>th</sup> instead of March 31<sup>st</sup>. Brad Sullivan who has been our as needed public works employee will take George’s position of 50 hours per month. Bob Hooper’s last day will be January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **REQUEST FROM FIRST STEP INTERNET** – Council members reviewed an email request from First Step to add a 10ft section on top of the existing pole they installed by the water tank last year. There would not be any ground disturbed or additional City property used. They would stack the new section on top of the current section. Council consensus was to grant First Step’s request. Mary will inform them tomorrow they can go ahead and install the section on the existing pole.
  - B. **DOG ISSUE** – Keith Cooper informed council members that he has been dealing with a case of a Pit bull bite to a 13 year old girl that happened on January 2, 2018. The girl required 53 stitches to her face. The accident happened at a friend’s house. No adult was home at the time of the incident. Department of Health has a 10 day hold on the dog due to the dog not receiving any immunizations. The dog is being

quarantined at the owner's home. This is the first documented bite for this dog. The owner was served papers on January 4, 2018 that the dog has been determined a dangerous dog and requires registration, controls and insurance under the dangerous dog statute RCW 16.08.070. The owner had until January 9<sup>th</sup> to appeal to Mayor Palmer on the dangerous dog determination. After such meeting, Mayor Palmer will have 15 days to make his final determination. The determination will state the recital of the authority for the action. The owner did not appeal the decision. The owner of the dog was notified by her landlord that the dog was not allowed to stay at that residence. The dog was removed from the residence today. Council members discussed breeds of dangerous dogs. The RCW's are very strict when it comes to dealing with potentially dangerous dogs. Council members asked Mary to include these statutes in the next newsletter. This was a very unfortunate accident and we need to educate the community about potentially owning a dangerous dog.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**DOLORES** - Nothing at this time.

**AL** - The extension of Bartlett that goes up the hill past his house has washed out causing part of Al's driveway to washout as well. Mary will have the Public Works staff look at the problem next Monday when George is here to do some backhoe work.

**TOM C.** - Nothing at this time.

**RANDY** - Nothing at this time.

**VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council member's reviewed December 2017 Treasurer's Report. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #25704 - #25713, #25720 in the amount of \$6,563.36 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$6,563.36 from December 29, 2017 through December 31, 2017; AND approved paid checks #25709 - #25712, #25721 - #25729 in the amount of \$8,660.60 for claims and \$7,881.36 for payroll totaling \$16,541.96 from January 04, 2018 through January 12, 2018. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes - **motion passed**.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes - **motion passed**.

**ATTEST:**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**