

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
May 7, 2018

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Dolores Haley, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Eric McDonald, Public Works Director and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Anthony Cafiero
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed April 2, 2018 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 submitted the Police Department’s report for April 2018. There were ten cases ranging from 9-1-1 hang-ups, suspicious circumstances, animal problems, warrant arrest, civil issue, traffic offense and agency assist with CPS. Council members gave Keith their sincere condolences on the loss of his work dog, Unix. Keith will be training a new dog in all likely hood in September & October. He will be working on the dog letters this week to owners who did not license their dog(s) in January.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Eric McDonald reported a water leak was fixed last week off of HWY 27 (First Street) by the railroad tracks. Tomorrow they will be repairing a water leak on Jackson Street. The service flags for the stairway up to the school are here and Eric will work on installing all the flags on the light poles. Brad and Pam are a great help and they are staying ahead of the mowing, weed eating and trimming.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **BUILDING PERMIT EXTENSION** – The Building Inspector has been making many attempts to contact the owner with no success.
 - B. **FRONTIER NOTICE OF CLAIM** – We have not received an invoice yet for the damages.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **THANK YOU FROM ART SWANNACK** – Council members reviewed a copy of a letter from Whitman County Commissioner, Art Swannack, thanking council members for helping to pay half of the railroad bridge removal.

- B. AVISTA METER REPLACED AT WELL – ELECTRICAL DAMAGE** – Avista removed the meter on Well #4 as it was not working properly. While the Avista employee removed the meter a wire fell behind and fried our electrical panel. We were notified immediately and we had an electrician on the spot within the hour. The damages were fixed by the next day. We did receive a bill for the repair, but Avista came by last Friday and grabbed the bill for them to pay. The invoice totaled over \$2,230 to repair the damages.
- C. CORRECTION NOTICE – 304 W STEPTOE AVE** – Council members reviewed a copy of the Correction Notice that our Building Inspector, Bob Hill, issued to the Estate of Vercie Reel regarding the deteriorating condition of the home at 304 W Steptoe Ave. The roof is in bad repair and is starting to sag in from the lack of support and the damage to the exterior. It is only a matter of time until the roof collapses on the structure. The structure needs to be repaired or demolished before it causes any damages to neighboring homes and/or anyone using the public sidewalk. They were given three months to establish corrections to the property. If we see no progress has been made in the stated time frame, then we have no choice but to condemn the building.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES, TOM J., TOM C., AND RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for April 2018. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #25846 - #25896 in the amount of \$18,638.71 for claims and \$17,621.69 for payroll totaling \$36,260.40 from April 05, 2018 through May 03, 2018. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council member voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Dolores Haley made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:25 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer