

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
August 20, 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 and Tom Crooks. Councilmen Randy Robinson and Al Evans were not present. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **SARAH McKNIGHT, SEWEDA:** Sarah attended our council meeting at the request of Dolores Haley. Sarah is the Whitman County Managing Director of the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association (SEWDA). Sarah had a few questions for council regarding their vision for what Oakesdale needs right now for economic growth. Council members listed a café and bank. A business that operates with 10 to 15 employees would be great to have here. Sarah suggested a community forum to discuss a main street program. There are qualifications that need to be met to establish that program. We could also consider establishing a community pride group like the town of LaCrosse has accomplished. Sarah asked if we have any stakeholders in our community that would be willing to donate funds to either of these programs. The programs would be classified as 501C3 as a non-profit group. She would like us to consider a public forum for the future needs of Oakesdale. Mary will add the information to the Town's newsletter in hopes of generating some interests. Dolores Haley will be our contact between the Town and Sarah.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Sarah McKnight of SEWDA.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed August 6, 2018 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **PIGS AT 502 W BARTLETT** – Last week, our Town Marshal, Keith Cooper, served Donna Chappell a \$550 Code violation ticket for pigs within city limits and odor from pig manure. \$500 is the fine for the pigs and \$50 for a nuisance for pig manure odor. Dawna told Keith she is not moving the pigs. The general penalty comes from our Town Code for a zoning violation. This can be ticketed daily until the pigs are removed.
- B. **INSURANCE CLAIM** – We turned in the property damage claim from the Masonic Hall to our insurance carrier, AWC RMSA. They are in the process of investigating the validity of the claim.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **ELECTRONIC PROGRAM OF WELLS** – We called Handy Solutions to change the programming on the wells to have both wells pump daily. Since the end of February,

the big well has been doing all the work and the smaller well has been coming on every four days. The program has now been changed to the small well coming on first then the big well should come on when the smaller one is not keeping up. He will be back in the next week or so to add an alternator to the program to allow both wells to work daily.

- B. WATER SERVICE LINE REIMBURSEMENT** – Jerry Karnath has not submitted any information yet for the reimbursement he is seeking from council.
- C. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION** – Eric McDonald handed in his resignation on August 6th. The Mayor offered the job to our part-time staff, Pam Jacobs. Pam has accepted the position and will start after Labor Day since she is still busy with harvest. Our DOE permit writer agreed that Pam would be a great fit for us and she could train to be certified later as long as we could bring Steve Bremer back as our certified sewer operator. Steve has agreed to come back to work for us as a contracted employee. Steve will be responsible for all reports and documents needing to be done for DOE as well as the posting of discharging out at the lagoons through the DOE portal.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – He noticed over the weekend the outdoor recycling area had lumber and charred wood placed in the limb side of the area. This is illegal dumping. He suggested we might need to consider installing a security camera system at the recycling area. We will discuss this idea with Keith Cooper.

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August 2018. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26030 - #26051 in the amount of \$6,034.31 for claims and \$3,847.85 for payroll totaling \$9,882.16 from August 9, 2018 through August 16, 2018. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Dolores Haley made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer