

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
October 1, 2018

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Dolores Haley, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Pam Jacobs, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Pete Baljo
- Pete asked council how we can get people to come to Oakesdale. One of Pete's ideas was to allow a marijuana store to operate within city limits. Council members explained selling of marijuana is illegal according to Town Codes as long as the Federal Government declares it an illegal drug. Another idea was to get bonds to purchase the buildings with absentee owners and use the funds to renovate those buildings. He thought a way to pay the interest on the bonds would be to have renewable energy panels placed on businesses and use the income from the solar panels to pay for the bonds. Council members discussed his ideas and asked Pete to get a bit more information on some of the ideas and come back to another meeting.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 17, 2018 minutes. Dolores Haley made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT:** Pam Jacobs submitted her monthly report for September that shows completed projects and what projects are expected to be completed in October. Pam asked council members to surplus the 1990 Dodge Ram pickup truck that our part-time Public Works staff used to use. Now that we added the 2005 Chevy Silverado 1500 as the Public Works Director pickup, the older Chevy pickup is now used by our part-time staff. The pick-up has been stored in the Willow's building and mice are starting to get into the truck since we are no longer using it. Randy Robinson made the motion to surplus the 1990 Dodge Ram pick-up truck. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.** Pam asked council if they would approve a 16ft X 28ft cement slab to be added outside of the city shop to use a Hotsy machine to clean equipment off. We would prep the site and need to have about 6 yards of cement delivered. Council consensus was to add the cement slab at the city shop.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2019 BUDGET – Council members reviewed a “bare bones” budget put together for the three funds: Fund 001 Current Expense, Fund 101 Streets and Fund 401 Water/Sewer Fund. Mary reminded council members that the budget will be adjusted every two weeks for council meeting as all the information gets entered. There are some needed Wastewater Facility updates we will be required to complete in 2019 for DOE:

- Wastewater Facility Plan \$60,000
- Inflow & Infiltration Study \$40,000
- (2) Sewer Flow monitors \$20,000
- Sewer Camera \$5,000
- (2) Composite Samplers \$16,000

By the time you add twenty percent for Contingency, the amount on the DOE loan application will be \$169,000. The DOE application is due October 12th. Randy Robinson made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign the DOE loan application for Wastewater Facility updates required in 2019. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, four members voted yes and one member voted no – **motion passed**.

B. INSURANCE CLAIM – Council members received a copy of Full and Final Release of all Claims from the Oakesdale Lodge #55. This form has been sent to our liability insurance carrier to close the claim against the Town of Oakesdale.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. APOLLO SOLUTIONS GROUP – Scott Lewis, Business Development Account Manager for Apollo Solution Group had stopped by City Hall last week asking if council would like to have another short presentation from them on renewable energy. They have helped other communities in the area have renewable energy for their wells and/or Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Council members’ consensus was not to have a presentation at this time, but consider it at a later date.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – None

AL – He noticed the south end welcome sign needs repaired as the weather has worn off the picture of the old mill. Mary will see if Bob Hooper can repair it since he made the sign.

TOM J. – He asked if we can take care of all the weeds and grasses choking out the creek bed – the answer is no.

TOM C. – He thanked the Public Works Department for the asphalt patching on the streets and for replacing the old Dead End sign with a new one.

RANDY – None

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for September 2018. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #26087 - #26120 in the amount of \$15,971.62 for claims and \$11,030.83 for payroll totaling \$27,002.45 from September 18, 2018 through September 28, 2018. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:05 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer