

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 5, 2018

**** PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1% PROPERTY TAX ABOVE LEVY AMOUNT – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. before the regular council meeting. Per RCW 84.55.120, we are entitled to ask Whitman County to pay the Town one percent more over the actual levy amount from the previous year which is a total of \$530.55. Being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Public Hearing.
- 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:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 15, 2018 minutes. Tom Crooks 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 REPORT:** Pam gave her department’s report for completed projects and upcoming projects. The pump hut was built and installed at the treatment facility. The pump stands, pumps and floats have been set up and ready for discharging the lagoons effective November 1st. The battery backup has been installed for the water tower’s radio communication with the wells when we have a power outage. Snow removal equipment is ready to go and the John Deere snow blower has been repaired and serviced. We will be adding some fire hydrant markers to the low sitting hydrants to aid in visibility of their locations in the snow. Delineators will be added to a few of our roads to aid in plowing snow. We have ordered 96 yards of seal coat chips for sanding streets from Whitman County and that will be delivered to our stock pile when they can fit it into their schedule. Pam asked council members to consider to surplus the old Public Works Director pickup and purchase a used one ton service truck. So many of the projects and maintenance work she does involves many trips to the shop to get the tools and parts that are needed. A service truck would cut down the amount of time to repair a water leak or to complete a

project. Council was open minded about the service truck and asked Pam to get some prices on how much it would cost roughly to purchase the truck.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2019 BUDGET – Mary reviewed the changes to the budget since the last council meeting. There were no changes in expenditures in any of the funds but there were some increased revenue changes in the Current Expense Fund 001 and Street Fund 101. The next council meeting will be a Public Hearing for the First Budget and all funds will have beginning and ending balances.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-378 INCREASE 1% ACTUAL LEVY AMOUNT – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2018-378 increasing the actual levy amount by one percent. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-378 increasing the levy amount we receive from Whitman County by one percent totaling \$530.55 bringing our levy amount to \$53,585.15 for 2019. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

B. LEVY CERTIFICATION – Council members reviewed the levy certification due to Whitman County by the end of the month showing we will receive \$53,585.15 from property taxes and \$55,000 from our two levies in 2019.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She has noticed in the past few weeks a white pickup with a canopy which is not familiar driving very slow in her neighborhood and at times stopping on Pearl Street to look around at the other properties. She will try to get the license plate number next time for Keith to check on.

AL – He asked if we had to place a lien on the property with the tiny house. They have made payments to get their bill down to within \$500. The water is still off and locked until the bill is paid in full.

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for October 2018. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #26146 - #26167 in the amount of \$10,219.30 for claims

and \$8,805.96 for payroll totaling \$19,025.26 from October 18, 2018 through October 31, 2018. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer