

- **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 in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Pam Jacobs, Public Works Director.
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None
- IV. <u>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:</u> Council members reviewed January 22, 2019 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes motion passed.
- V. <u>TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:</u> Keith Cooper gave council members his department's report for January 2019. There were nine cases ranging from harassment, medical, non-injury accident, 9-1-1 hang up, animal problem, disabled vehicle, civil, welfare check and citizen dispute. We have had a good turnout for people getting their pet licenses in a timely matter.

VI. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Pam Jacobs submitted her report to council members on current projects completed and upcoming projects. Pam informed council that George Cotterill will not be returning to his part-time position in Public Works due to medical reasons. George only worked one or two days a week and that is going to be hard to find someone to work such few hours and be good at running our equipment. Skip Holland retired last year from the lumber mill in Plummer and is interested in very part-time work. Brad Sullivan worked with Skip and said he would be a good fit. Council understood Pam's predicament and agreed to hire Skip.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

- A. TIB CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH TD&H Council reviewed the TIB Consultant Agreement for the 2020 Rehabilitation Project on Steptoe from 6th Street to City limits and First Street from Steptoe to pedestrian walkway up to the school. 2019 will be the design and engineering phase and work will be done in 2020. The agreement allows TD&H to work on the project for a cost of \$44,000 in 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign the TIB Consultant Agreement. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes motion passed.
- B. GPRA We received a notification from SE Washington Economic Development Association that we are required to report all types of government funded projects through the Government Project Reporting Act (GPRA). Previous Mayor Rickett started reporting for Oakesdale yearly on the GPRA and listed two projects consisting of a Helipad and public restrooms. Mary questioned the projects listed as now we have obtained a DOH loan for our water system and we were just funded by DOE for our Treatment Plant/Lagoons. Those types of projects should be listed on the GPRA in the future.
- C. **DOE FUNDING** Council members were given a copy of a State Fiscal Year 2020 Water Quality Funding approval from Department of Ecology (DOE) informing us our application was to be determined eligible to compete for funding. Our application was for \$169,000 to meet DOE's discharge permit requirements.
- D. 2019 REQUEST FOR .09 FUNDING We received notification from Whitman County that the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee (BRATC) is now accepting applications for Whitman County Economic Development .09 Funds. Total funds available for 2019 are \$100,000. The letter lists the current criteria and applications must be postmarked and/or delivered by March 29, 2019 by 5 p.m. Council members were asked if they see a need for funding to bring those ideas to the next meeting.
- **E. POSITIONS & TERMS –** Whitman County Elections Department will not notify candidates who are up for re-election in 2019. Any candidate wanting to run for re-

election must file in person during the week of May 13^{th} – May 17^{th} or to file by mail during the weeks of April 29^{th} – May 17^{th} . If a candidate wishes to withdrawal, that must be done by May 20^{th} .

IX. <u>COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS</u>:

DOLORES – She was asked by someone from Tekoa what our water and sewer rates are compared to Tekoa's rates. Tekoa includes garbage with their water/sewer bills and they are at \$145 per month. We do not include garbage service on our bills as that is done by Empire Disposal. Our current water/sewer rate with taxes is \$59.91.

TOM J. - None

TOM C. - None

- X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for January 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26285 #26301 in the amount of \$4,507.89 for claims and \$7,574.68 for payroll totaling \$12,082.57 from January 24, 2019 through February 1, 2019. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes motion passed.
- **XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:28 p.m. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes **motion passed**.

	DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR
ATTEST:	