

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 19, 2019

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. Councilman Al Evans was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.

III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** James Orton

James addressed council about the issue of cars being left on Jackson Street in front of the residence at 306 W Jackson. They are causing the street to become very narrow to pass with the snowy conditions. The resident has been asked multiple times to move the vehicles and she has not. He would like to see the City try harder to get those cars moved. They are also creating an obstacle course for our snow plows. We will have Keith Cooper address this issue again. James thanked the Public Works Department for removing the big snow wrinkle that blocked him from feeding his animals at his property on 309 W Jackson.

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 4, 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. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-381 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2019-381 for the 2019 Solid Waste Management Plan. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-381 that the Town concurs with the 2018 Whitman County Solid Waste Management Plan and adopts it for our jurisdiction. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

B. **CERTIFIED WATER OPERATOR** – Our Public Works Director, Pam Jacobs, would rather work with a Certified Water Operator that she is more familiar with and lives closer to Oakesdale. Kevin Turnbough is a certified WDM1, WDS operator and is qualified to operate our water system. We have a request into Department of Health to get their approval on the new operator. We will give our current Certified Water Operator, Eljay Sanders, a thirty day termination of contract notice that will thank

him for his service and that we are terminating the contract effective April 1, 2019. Eljay will receive compensation for his services in February and March.

- C. **CLAIM NOTIFICATION** – During the on slough of snow storms, our plow truck was trying to turn around above Rednour Street and backed into a garage. The damage was minimal on the outside and pictures were taken and submitted to our liability insurance carrier. The owners are not home and we have not seen the inside of the garage for damage yet. We have filed a claim with our insurance company to repair the damages.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She thanked the Public Work staff for doing a wonderful job plowing snow. Dolores was talking to John Mark and Dan LeBeau about the problem we have with the creek not being able to flow south out of town due to the channel being all choked out with grass and silt. They suggested we contact the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute for help or suggestions.

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

RANDY – Kudos to our snow plowing team! Thank you to Mary for taking the complaints and dispatching our crew to the troubled areas.

- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for February 2019. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #26302 - #26323 in the amount of \$10,465.44 for claims and \$8,476.26 for payroll totaling \$18,941.70 for February 07, 2019 through February 15, 2019. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- IX. 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