

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
March 4, 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, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Council members Dolores Haley and Al Evans were not present. Also in attendance were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Pam Jacobs, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 19, 2019 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave council members his department’s report for February 2019. There were eleven cases ranging from disabled vehicles, welfare check, non-injury accidents, harassment, citizen assist and assisted Public Works with vehicles stuck in the snow. The majority of all calls were snow related.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Pam Jacobs gave her Public Works Report for projects completed in February and upcoming projects in March. We are having trouble with ice building up inside the water tower. Bob Van Putten came out on Friday to re-program the software communication between the wells and tower to pump more frequent to help reduce the ice buildup in the tank. The heavy ice that formed on the internal structural supports and suspension cables for the sensor caused erroneous readings to the wells. We may need to replace the level sensor in the tank next if we have another overflow. Public Works continues to plow snow and sand streets.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CERTIFIED WATER OPERATOR** – Council members reviewed an email from Department of Health that approved Kevin Turnbough being our Certified Water Operator effective April 1, 2019. Our current operator, Eljay Sanders, was given a 30 day notice that we will be terminating our contract with him on March 31, 2019. We thanked Eljay for his service and would gladly give him a good reference.
 - B. **PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM** – No new information.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WSDOT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS WITHIN CITY JURISDICTION – Council members received a copy of a letter from Glenn Wagemann, WSDOT, asking council to meet with him to discuss key items of concern, possible strategies we might be considering and future plans to ensue HWY 27 through our Town is addressing our current and future needs. Council would like Keith Cooper to also attend the meeting as he has some major points to discuss. Mary will check with Glenn to see if he wants to come to a council meeting to discuss our needs or if it needs to be a meeting during City Hall hours.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

TOM J. – He noticed a big tree limb has fallen into the creek over by 4th Street and Bartlett Street. This will be referred to Public Works to follow up on.

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 February 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26324 - #26335 in the amount of \$4,886.51 for claims and \$9,344.44 for payroll totaling \$14,230.95 from February 20, 2019 through February 28, 2019. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:28 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer