

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***March 18, 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, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Brad Sullivan, Public Works.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Gail Parsons and Steve Marsh, TD&H
- Gail – He came to talk to council about the little gas station’s roof leaking and the outside needs some paint. The museum is very grateful for the use of the building during Old Mill Days and would volunteer their labor to help paint the little gas station if we buy the materials. We did this a few years ago and it worked out really well. The roof is leaking on the south side of the building. He would like to see the Town repair the leak. This is a historical building and the Town has obligation to maintain the building. The leak is dripping down through the plaster ceiling onto the floor. We will inspect the roof as soon as the weather breaks and see what is causing the leak and get it repaired.
- Steve – He came to address the water tower over flow pipe problem. He will not be able to inspect the pipe until the snow melts and we have better weather. But, we will look into preventing the over flow of the water tower from going onto private property. Ice buildup in the water tower in February caused the water tank to over flow three times. We have since replaced the pressure transmitter in the reservoir and installed a twenty pound anchor on the sensors to help hold them in place from the ice buildup shifting the cable.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 4, 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. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **CERTIFIED WATER OPERATOR** – Our new Certified Water Operator, Kevin Turnbough, who will start effective April 1, 2019 has requested to be an employee of the Town instead of a contract employee. This request was referred to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, and he agreed it would make the process “cleaner” hiring Kevin as an employee. His monthly wage of \$300 will remain his salary and appropriate payroll taxes will be withheld from that amount at the end of each month.

- B. PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM** – The resident has not turned in the claim yet to his insurance company.
- C. WSDOT – GLENN WAGEMANN** – He has reached out to Mary and has requested to attend the April 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss HWY 27 within our city limits. He would like to know ahead of time what some of our concerns are about the highway. Council brought up needing flashing stop signs at the intersection of Steptoe and HWY 27 as that is a dangerous intersection, adding a traffic mirror to that same intersection that would aid in semi trucks heading north making that corner into oncoming traffic, a flashing stop sign at HWY 27 and HWY 271 to help prevent run offs, and the road design by the corner of HWY 27 and Front Street that causes trucks to enter into the other lane to make that corner.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. SERVICE TRUCK** – Council reviewed pictures of a service truck for sale that used to be an old Avista service truck from a person who lives in Elberton. Pam and Brad went down to look at the truck last week and today. Brad informed council it has 142,000 miles on it and is in good shape for a 2004. It has 4WD and is a 550 (1 ½ ton) truck with a working boom bucket. It has a Ford Power Stroke diesel motor and the asking price is \$12,000. Council discussed having the capabilities to also use the truck as a plow in the winter by adding hydraulics and a blade to the front. Randy Robinson made the motion to make an offer to purchase the truck for no more than \$12,000. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, four council members voted yes and one member abstained – **motion passed.**
- B. PORT OF WHITMAN** – We received a Determination of Significance from the Port of Whitman County regarding their project Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) construction project on existing utility poles in the town of Rosalia, Oakesdale, Palouse, Tekoa and Garfield. The aerial construction will be done according to the utility pole owner’s specifications and permitted through a pole attachment process. If any underground construction is necessary, due to the lack of poles or access on the poles, the fiber will be buried. This proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environment Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c).
- C. WATER TOWER** – This was discussed under Section III Introduction of Guests.
- D. SURPLUS OLDER PWD PICKUP** – Council will make a motion at the next council meeting to surplus the older 1999 Chevy PW Director Pickup after we have confirmed we purchased the service truck.
- E. DOE TREATMENT PLANT/LAGOON INSPECTION** – The facility inspection by Department of Ecology was scheduled for tomorrow, March 19<sup>th</sup> but the person inspecting our facility became ill and will need to reschedule. This inspection is for our discharge permit.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**DOLORES** – She had a question about a bill paid to Palouse River Counseling in the amount of \$108.89 for 2% of the liquor taxes we received in 2018. By RCW 70.96A.087 they are entitled to two percent of our liquor taxes we receive from the state for substance abuse counseling.

**AL, TOM J., TOM C. AND RANDY** – None

**VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report from March 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26336 - #26363 in the amount of \$9,560.01 for claims and \$8,032.70 for payroll totaling \$17,592.71 for March 07, 2019 through March 15, 2019. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**