

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***April 1, 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 were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Pam Jacobs, Public Works Director and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.

III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Gail Parsons

He said one of the great things going for Oakesdale is all our streets are paved. But over the last three years or so he has noticed more pot holes and more cracking on our streets. It's been about twelve years since we last chip sealed our streets. He would like to see council consider running a second street levy for 2020 to chip seal some of our streets. He realizes that we will eventually get a water loan to improve the water system, but he doesn't think the condition of the streets can wait that long. Council discussed some options and will consider adding a second street levy to this year's general election for chip sealing.

IV. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave council members his department's report for March 2019. There were eight cases ranging from harassment, welfare checks, traffic offense, civil, parking problem and animal problem. He is trying to find a solution to the parked cars on the 300 block of Jackson Street that are no longer being used.

V. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Pam Jacobs reported to council members what current projects were completed last month and what upcoming projects Public Works will tackle in April. The Tiger mower tractor has been repaired and it's ready to go for mowing season. The zero turn mower was taken to County Homes Power Equipment where we bought it for service and repair in January. Hopefully that will be done soon. The parts came today for the sanding unit on the plow truck. We will get busy fixing that this week. We started street sweeping last week. We will continue to sweep the town over the next week or so. Water meters were not read in March due to the meter boxes being covered up in snow or full of water. We had AAA Sweeping come down last week to check the sewer main on the 300 block of Pearl Street. A resident was having trouble with their sewer backing up into their basement and the plumber they got said it appeared to be a city issue. We used a sewer camera and jet to check our line and it was clean. We have a DVD and a report with photos to prove our sewer main was not plugged.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. SERVICE TRUCK** – We did purchase the service truck from Donna Lazzarini for \$12,000. She did get the title transferred out of her deceased husband’s name and put into her name last week. It should take about 2 weeks for her to get the title for us to finalize the paperwork and payment. The service truck is sitting in our shop since she sold her home and needed it to be moved.
- B. PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM** – The Gardner’s get back from Arizona this week and then they will file a claim for the damage on their garage.
- C. WSDOT – GLENN WAGEMANN** – He was suppose to attend our next council meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> but had to cancel. We are waiting for him to re-schedule his visit.
- D. SURPLUS 1999 PWD PICKUP** – Pam had asked council members to surplus to older PWD pickup since we will now have a service truck to use besides the newer PWD pickup. Randy asked staff to blue book the pickup and use the lowest value as a minimum for the bid. Randy Robinson made the motion to surplus the 1999 Chevy Public Works Director pickup with the lowest blue book value as the minimum bid. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. SEWER COMPLAINT ON PEARL** – Dylan Doneen lives at 108 S Third Street and his service line for his sewer in located on Pearl Street. He had sewer backing up into his basement last week. He had Sampson Plumbing come out to snake the line and use a sewer camera. The plumber told Dylan the problem was on the city side. We had AAA Sweeping come down to inspect our sewer main which they found clean. Randy would like to see some kind of policy in the future where the Town should not have to incur a bill for something that was not broke to begin with – the resident should be held responsible for some of that bill as well. This will be referred to our Town Attorney when he attends the next meeting. Tom Crooks did refer to our Town Code for service line responsibility. Council discussed this topic a little further before deciding to wait for the bill to arrive to see how much that service call is going to cost the Town.

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**DOLORES** – She was excited to see all that happened last week on Pearl Street and the way Public Works took care of the complaint. Do we have it in our Town Codes that dog owners must clean up after their dog when they are out for a walk? We could not find that specific code but it would fall under nuisances.

**TOM J.** – None

**TOM C.** – Last week Sinto Senior Center came down to tour our museum and the seniors were thrilled with their visit and would like to do it again. Tom’s brother in-law arranged the visit and greatly appreciated the museum setting up a private tour for the group.

**RANDY** – He asked the Mayor to contact someone at PNW regarding the rotting grain down by the elevators. It needs to be removed – it is a stinky mess! He realizes they cleaned out some grain bins, but the rotting grain needs to be removed from city limits. The odor is awful!

- X. **TREASUER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for March 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26364 - #26390 in the amount of \$11,396.88 for claims and \$11,931.01 for payroll totaling \$23,327.89 from March 21, 2019 through March 29, 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 7:50 p.m. Tom Johnson 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**