

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
May 6, 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 and Tom Crooks. Councilmen Randy Robinson and Al Evans were not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Pam Jacobs, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Bill Auvil
- He wanted to know if the Town Council could be of any help with the property at 304 W Steptoe which is beside his home. He is in the process of trying to purchase the property, but the property is tied up in probate. The property taxes have not been paid for two or more years and the owner has been deceased for many, many years. Eventually Whitman County will end up with the property due to unpaid property taxes for three or more years. Bill would like to try to obtain the property by this summer, so he can demolition the old house on the lots. This would help keep the value in his property when he goes to list it for sale this summer. The Town's Building Inspector, Bob Hill, sent a certified correction notice to the deceased property owner's daughter on April 18, 2018 informing her of the deteriorating condition of the residential structure at 304 W Steptoe needed to be addressed within 3 months of receiving this notice. She had the option to repair the home's structure or demolish the home. Unfortunately, she refused to sign for the certified notice and the notice was returned to us unopened. The last step is for the Town to condemn the house and that would take several months before any action could take place. Mary will call our Town Attorney and discuss the problem at hand to see if there is any other action the Town could take on this said property.
- IV. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper could not be in attendance today as he was away on training. He did submit a department report for April 2019. There were ten cases ranging from warrant arrest, found property, welfare checks, traffic offense, noise complaint, civil, assault, animal problem and nuisance issue.
- V. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Pam Jacobs gave council members her report showing completed public works projects and upcoming projects. We will be adding a new water service line on Roberts Rd for Roberta Harper who will be building a home on the lots she purchased from Hal Whitman. We will also add a new water service line on Bartlett for the Baptist Church who will be installing a new manufactured home on their empty lots for their minister to live in. A bridge inspection by Whitman County showed Bridge #1 located at Bartlett & McCoy Creek needs some repair. We need to re-roof Well #4 this

spring/summer. Pam was reminded to check the leaking roof on the little gas station and get it repaired where it is leaking. Pam also reminded council members that the roof at the shop needs repaired too.

VI. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Council members reviewed April 15, 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.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM – The Gardners are in the process of getting bids now to fix the damage sustained to their garage in February from our plow truck.

B. WSDOT - GLENN WAGEMANN - He has not called back to reschedule his presentation to council.

C. SURPLUS 1999 PWD PICKUP – We received one bid in the amount of \$400 from Kevin Shindler. The minimum bid requirement was \$1,600. Council will not consider accepting a bid below the bid requirement. Council members agreed to keep the minimum bid at \$1,600 on the pickup truck and re-run the surplus ad again. Council members also thought we should put a for sale sign on the front windshield.

D. SEWER PROBLEM AT 108 S 3RD/PEARL – The sewer problem for Dylan Doneen was his sewer service line and not the Town’s main sewer line. His sewer service line had a big dip in the line and where the line was connected to the main was higher than his service line. He replaced his line and the plumber had to reconnect to the main 29 feet down from the original connection to get proper flow.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CROW FARM REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY – This is pending as they obtain legal description and custody of ownership of a strip of property by the alley. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 6th.

B. AVISTA – SMART METERS – Oakesdale is scheduled for later this week to have their Avista meters changed out for smart meters. The subcontractor doing the work is Wellington and they will be wearing appropriate uniforms and name badges identifying themselves while doing the work.

C. SMALL WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – TD&H Engineering resubmitted our SWMP to DOH on April 24th with the required corrections.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She was glad to see the sewer problem for Dylan Doneen resolved itself.

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

DENNIS – He will be putting together a shadow box for Justin DeRosier and adding it to the Oakesdale Museum.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Receipt Register, Check Register and Treasurer’s Report for April 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26410 - #26446 in the amount of \$15,016.38 for claims and \$11,146.47 for payroll totaling \$26,162.85 from April 16, 2019 through May 2, 2019. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer