

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
June 3, 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; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Brad Sullivan, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Oakesdale Librarian, Elana Nordstrom and Kristie Kirkpatrick, Director of Whitman County Library District.
- IV. **KRISTIE KIRKPATRICK, WHITMAN COUNTY LIBRARY:** Kristie allowed Elana to give council members information on what is upcoming at the library this summer. She handed out a schedule that showed:

- *Mobius Mobile Planetarium – Friday, June 14th at 5 p.m. at the Oakesdale School Gym
- *My Mother the Astronaut – Traveling Lantern – Thursday, June 20th at 6 p.m.
- *Bugs and Critters by Stephen Vanvleet – Friday, June 28th at noon
- *View and Learn with Dan Bakken – Tuesday, June 2nd at noon
- *The Joshua J. Supershow – Saturday, July 13th at noon
- *The Evening Sky-Kids Paint – Thursday, July 18th at noon

Kristie handed council members a fact sheet about Oakesdale’s Library branch and how it is making a difference in our community:

- The Town of Oakesdale began contracting with Whitman County for library services in 1958. It was then annexed into Whitman County Library District in 1983. In 2019, WCL will collect \$9,426 in taxes from Oakesdale residents while it costs the district about \$26,660 to operate the branch. The difference is made up from property taxes outside of Town limits.
- Oakesdale owns and maintains the facility while all staffing, materials, technology and community programs are provided by the library district with assistance from Friends of the Library including The Palouse Wind Farm/Novatus, Crossett’s Food Market, AAUW and more.
- Last year, residents borrowed nearly 2,000 items from the library’s collection of 60,000 traditional materials and 35,000 online eBooks, audios and database products. The public computers were used 335 times.

- Free Wi-Fi service is available at the library 24/7
- There are programs for all ages from story-time and summer reading to Bingo, paint parties and more. Last year, 731 people attended the programs in Oakesdale.

In 2019, the Washington legislature approved a Capital Budget allocation of \$12 million to libraries for capital projects for 2019-2021 and included the proviso language directing the Department of Commerce to convene a workgroup to structure dedicated library capital improvement funding for future biennium's. Kristie would like to see us consider applying for funding to get our library ADA accessible. She would like to see some plans and estimates by this fall of what it would take to improve the ADA access of our library in hopes we would qualify for funding. Kristie knows an engineer who gives out free estimates and ADA advice that she would be happy to refer us to.

V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed May 20, 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.**

VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department's report for May 2019. There were eight cases ranging from drugs, domestic dispute, animal problems, disorderly, fraud, traffic offense and suspicious. Keith will begin to issue late notices for dog licenses that were due in January to dog owners that have not complied and to residents who violated Town Codes by not mowing their yards.

VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Before Brad Sullivan gave his report to council, Mayor Palmer informed council members that Brad has taken the title Public Works Director and Pam is now the Assistant PWD. This was done to help Pam be less stressed about her job. She remains the full-time staff person for Public Works and Brad will remain part-time with no increase in hours or pay. Pam will continue to do her normal job except Brad will make the decision in water and sewer repairs and projects and attend the council meetings. Brad listed what projects have been completed and what projects are upcoming for the summer. We have three new water service lines to install, repair leak on the little gas station roof, re-roof Well #4, repaint cross walks and get the Town ready for Old Mill Days in July.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM** – No updates

B. **SURPLUS 1999 PWD PICKUP** – The second round of advertising the surplus of the 1999 Public Work Director's older pickup with a minimum bid of \$1,600 produced no bids. Council members discussed the foreseeable possibility of needing pickup for part-time staff that council consensus was to keep the pickup.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CROW FARM REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY – moved to 06/17/19**
- B. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT – WA DEPT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES –** Council members reviewed the interagency agreement between the Town and the Washington Department of Enterprise Services for the energy program. Council members were having second thoughts about using Apollo Solutions for energy savings and did not wish to go any farther. Council consensus was to not authorize the Mayor to sign the interagency agreement.
- C. SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN –** Council members reviewed the changes to the STIP for 2020-2025. The two TIB projects we have in 2020 have been updated on the STIP. Council had no additions or deletions to add to the STIP. There will be a Public Hearing before the regular council meeting on June 17th for the STIP.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She is very grateful to the nice neighbors she has that help mow her front yard.

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

- XI. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for May 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26463 - #26477 in the amount of \$3,492.89 for claims and \$8,398.40 for payroll totaling \$11,891.29 from May 22, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Dolores Haley made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer