

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
June 17, 2019

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6YR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing for the STIP at 7:00 p.m. Council members reviewed the changes to the STIP which included updating TIB project for 2019-2020. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Public Hearing.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Dolores Haley, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Al Evans was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.

III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Pia Hooks

Dave and Pia Hooks own the building at 104 W Steptoe (old beauty salon shop) and they have someone locally interested in purchase the building. Pia asked council members if they would forgive the outstanding bill on the property for past sewer charges totaling \$2,686.68. The last payment they made on the account was November 24, 2014. She explained due to her husband’s health they could not keep up on the bill and she lost track of time. Council members were not pleased she let the bill get so far out of hand. They will refer this request to the Town Attorney, but council consensus was not to allow any forgiveness on the bill. The balance of the bill can be paid at closing time of the transaction of sale of the property. We will notify Pia within two days of the response we receive from our Town Attorney.

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 3, 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. **PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM** – We received a request for claim settlement from our insurance carrier, AWC RMSA, showing the claim was paid at \$2,500 for the damages Gordon and Pat Gardner had on their garage caused by the snow plow truck in February 2019. The Town’s deductible is \$1,000 and that is what we owe to the insurance carrier.

- B. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT – WA DEPT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES** – Once again council members found themselves discussing the pro’s and con’s on entering into an interagency agreement for energy services with the WA Department of Enterprise Service which would allow Apollo Solutions to assist the Town in finding energy saving programs. Council members reviewed the extra information that Scott Lewis from Apollo Solutions sent in an email and the information from Alyssa Wyrick, Energy Engineer with DES, explaining the contract further in depth. Randy Robinson made the motion to allow the Mayor to sign the interagency agreement between the Town and WA Department of Enterprise Service for energy services. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, one council member voted yes; 2 council members voted no and one council member abstained from voting – **motion failed**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CROW FARM’S REQUEST TO VACATE ALLEY – moved to 07/01/19**
- B. HWY 27 CREEK PROJECT UPDATE** – Council members reviewed emails between County Commissioner Art Swannack and Raymond Brown with the Pine Creek Conservation District that gave an update on the status of the channel downstream from Oakesdale being cleaned out. The Conservation district is proposing using WSCC state funds to assist the landowner with ditch clean out which needs to go through cultural resources review. They are thinking the review will not happen until July or August since the area is still so wet. The results of the cultural resources could shut down the project or allow the project to enter into the permitting phase.
- C. WATER TANK CLEANING** – The water tower was cleaned on June 12th and council had a copy of the report. Our water tank is in great condition with minor rusting in areas. We did have over four inches of iron sediment at the bottom of the tank which they removed.
- D. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-382 STIP** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2019-382 revising the Comprehensive Street Program for the first year of ensuing six years of work to be done in 2020. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-382 for the 6yr Transportation Improvement Program for 2020-2025. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She commented on how well Mary composes the minutes from our Council Meetings.

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

RANDY – He reinforced that Dave & Pia Hooks are responsible for their outstanding bill on the commercial building they own.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for June 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26478 - #26503 in the amount of \$13,846.96 for claims and \$8,161.82 for payroll totaling \$22,008.78 from June 5, 2019 through June 13, 2019. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:56 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer