

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 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 and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Brad Sullivan, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Members reviewed September 16, 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.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith gave his department’s monthly report for September 2019 to council members. There were 13 cases ranging from stray animals, threatening, disorderly, wanted person, thefts, trespassing, haz mat spill, welfare checks, domestic dispute and protective custody. Once again, half the cases were at the same address of the 500 block of Steptoe Avenue.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Brad reviewed current public work projects completed and what upcoming project they have for October 2019:
- repaired roof on the little gas station
 - re-roofed well#4
 - replaced water service line at 610 W Bartlett
 - installed containment cabinets for fluids and oils at the shop per DOH
 - had the wet wells pumped at the lagoons per Certified Sewer Operator, Steve Bremer
 - installed a new chlorine pump at the treatment facility and had it calibrated
 - installed new frost free hydrants at the grinders and lagoons
 - installed a new fire hydrant at 3rd & Rednour Street – the old one was damaged beyond repair by some type of farm implement running over it.

Brad said they will spend the next couple of weeks patching streets and pot holes. There are still a few damaged meter boxes that need replacing. They have ordered an oil containment box for the oil furnace in the shop that will need to be installed per DOH. The PW pickup that was in a non-injury accident in Spokane has been repaired. The spare PW pickup received a tune up and service so it’s available for use too.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. BUSINESS INCUBATOR REPAIRS** – River City Glass will be here on October 24th to replace 3 glass panes in the front of the Business Incubator and install 5 screens into the windows in the back part of the Business Incubator.
- B. RUCK FOR THE FALLEN** – Council members received a copy of the flyer for the Ruck for the Fallen event. The event will be Saturday, November 30th with the Oakesdale Historical Society and the McCoy Valley Museum sponsoring a breakfast at the Oakesdale Fraternal Hall from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Registration will be from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at the District #10 Fire Station. The march for the heroes will begin at 9 a.m. Vendors will be available from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for food, drinks, beer garden and patriotic merchandise on Second Street. The concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. with The Hankers at the Versatile Shop followed by America’s most patriotic band, Madison Rising, at noon.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 3RD QUARTER 2019 BUDGET POSITION** – Council members reviewed the 2019 budget and how each of the funds stands after posting third quarter expenditures. Fund #001 Current Expense fund has a remaining budget of \$36,877.33; Fund #101 Streets has a remaining budget of \$314,983.01 and Fund #401 Water/Sewer has a remaining balance of \$14,909.65. The street fund looks so well because the TIB project did not happen this year and will be finished in 2020. Our engineers decided to engineer the project plans this year and go to construction in the spring of 2020. Fund #401 Water/Sewer will need a budget amendment by next month do to maintenance and repairs of the water system, sewer system and equipment.
- B. 2020 BUDGET** – Council members reviewed a “bare bones” budget that showed Fund #001 Current Expense with a \$13,377 margin; Fund #101 Streets with a \$7,995 margin if both street levies pass and Fund #401 Water/Sewer with a margin of \$3,532. More budget changes will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – She wanted council members to hear it from her first that she will be putting her home on the market in the spring of 2020. She plans to move to Spokane to live with her son and his wife.

AL – None

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – He would like to make the suggestion that we consider purchasing a kennel for dogs running at large or strays we find dropped off in town. When our staff find these dogs they have nowhere to keep them until the owners can be found. The dogs end up riding around in the town pickup. Mary suggested bringing this topic up at the first meeting in

November when Keith Cooper and Brad Sullivan can be present to discuss the option since it reflects both of their departments. Tom also pointed out the flags on the light poles on Steptoe Avenue are getting in poor shape. The ends of the flags have small holes and tears from getting caught on the metal frame of the acorn lamp head.

- IX. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for September 2019. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #26638 - #26676 in the amount of \$41,408.73 for claims and \$16,264.60 for payroll totaling \$57,673.33 from September 17, 2019 through October 3, 2019. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer