

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 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 Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **STEVE MARSH, TD&H:** Steve presented a gift basket to the Mayor and Council thanking them for their continued business and support in 2019. Council members thanked Steve for all his dedication to the Town and wished Steve and his family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 2, 2019 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **LIBRARY ADA UPDATE** – Council members reviewed an email sent by Kristie Kirkpatrick regarding updating the front entrance to the Library. She is thinking the best route to take to fund the improvements are through .09 grant funding with Whitman County and use the \$5,000 donation money the library has for the match. Council members were curious if there have been complaints over time regarding the access of the Library building. Why make the upgrade now? There were also concerns over the front entrance being lowered which could make the flooding worse. When Steptoe Avenue floods the Library is right in the path of the extra water and sand bags are needed to protect the front entrance at its current state. Mary will relay the questions and concerns to Kristie. Council consensus showed support for .09 funding.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS** – Council members received copies of the certified General Election results for our three levies. Proposition #1 Safety Levy received 87.88% yes votes and 12.12% no votes. Proposition #2 Street Levy Maintenance received 79.52% yes votes and 20.48% no votes. Proposition #3 Street Chip Seal Levy received 74.55% yes votes and 25.45% no votes. There was an overall 58.74% turnout of Oakesdale voters.

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 639 – Amending 2019 Budget** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 639 amending the 2019 budget. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 639 amending Fund No. 401 Water/Sewer by increasing the fund by \$10,500 to \$227,586.80. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- VIII. OATH OF OFFICES:** Mayor Dennis Palmer issued the oath of offices to council members Dolores Haley, Tom Crooks and Al Evans who all ran for another term and were voted in on the General Election ballot.
- IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**
- DOLORES** - She gave council members an update on Tom Johnson’s continuing health concerns. Tom has been in the hospital and recently moved to the care center.
- AL** – He requested we state the Pledge of Allegiance before every council meeting. All council members thought that was a good idea!
- TOM C.** – None
- RANDY** – He has received many positive comments of the additional Christmas trees on First Street and the Christmas lights going up the sidewalk hill to the school. Good job Pam putting all that together this season!
- X. TRASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for December 2019. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #26761 - #26776 in the amount of \$14,728.35 for claims and \$7,062.90 for payroll totaling \$21,791.25 from December 4, 2019 through December 13, 2019. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer