

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
July 20, 2020

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Meeting at 7:05 p.m. before the regular council meeting. Seven projects remain on the plan with two of those projects being completed this summer of 2020. Being no public comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order following the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. Councilman Al Evans lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** William Tate and Steve Marsh, TD&H Engineering.

IV. **WILLIAM TATE – REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FOR FENCE**

Bill Tate would like to request permission to use forty feet of Jackson Street and 40 feet of Seventh Street to extend his pasture and fence for his lamas. The streets were plotted but never used by the Town. Bill has been keeping the area up as he was worried about the fire hazard the tall dried weeds and grass could bring. He would also make sure an access gate is installed for Town use should we need access. Bill understood that should the Town ever need the use of those streets for Town services he would have to remove his fence. Council consensus was to approve the request as a variance and refer the request to our Town Attorney for a variance to approve.

V. **STEVE MARSH, TD&H ENGINEERING:** Steve informed council members that the TIB street project would be seeing a second change order due to the approach to the Steptoe Avenue Bridge from the west. The change order adds an additional \$25,600 to the project totaling \$207,273. Steve brought up the environmental review for the water system project that will be happening in 2021. The environmental review of our water system must be completed by Department of Health should we be able to stretch the funding further and replace more water mains and service lines. Department of Health estimated the review would cost around \$30,000 and that would come out of the \$2.666 million we have been awarded. This review is one and done – good for life. We will go out to bid in the spring of 2021. If the bids should be good and under what is being projected, then we can add more water mains to be replaced until the money is all used up. Council consensus is to approve the environmental review. Steve will have the engineering contract ready for council approval at the next council meeting for the DOE project with the lagoons and treatment plant.

VI. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Council members reviewed June 15, 2020 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **DOH APPLICATION – WATER RATES** – Randy Robinson made the motion to increase the monthly water rates \$7.50 effective September 1, 2020 and another \$7.50 effective January 1, 2021. Dolores Haley seconded the motion. Randy Robinson called for question. Three council members voted yes and one council member voted no – **motion passed**. This will be referred to our Town Attorney for an ordinance.

B. **DOH ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW** – This was covered under **Section V.** with Steve Marsh.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 640 – COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 640 amending town council meetings during the summer. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 640 that council will meet during the normal first and third Mondays during the months of September through April and meet only on the first Mondays during the summer months of May through August. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

B. **PROCLAMATION TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL AND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT** – Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt the proclamation showing the Town of Oakesdale’s support for our local Town Marshal and the Whitman County Sheriff’s Office. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. One copy will be presented to Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and the other copy will be presented to Brett Myers, Sheriff of Whitman County.

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-393 SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution NO. 2020-393 listing our street projects for the next six years. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Dolores Haley made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-393 approving the street projects listed from 2020 – 2025. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-394 LEVY PROPOSITIONS** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2020-394 for three propositions to be placed on the General Election Ballot on November 3, 2020. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Dolores Haley made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-394 for Proposition #1 Safety Levy for fire protection and emergency medical service for \$14,000; Proposition #2 Street Levy for maintenance, street lights and street expenses for \$41,000 and for Proposition #3 Street levy for chip sealing for \$50,000. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

DOLORES – None

AL – He noticed the welcome sign on the south end of town has not been fixed yet. Public Works will remove the sign to be fixed this week. The decal of the old mill is ready to be installed on the sign. We are needing Bob Hooper's help as he was the one who made the welcome signs.

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for June 2020. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27007 - #27055 in the amount of \$15,585.91 for claims and \$20,050.44 for payroll totaling \$35,636.35 from June 17, 2020 through July 15, 2020. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55 p.m. Dolores Haley seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER