

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 2, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Tom Crooks, Al Evans and Bill Auvil. Councilmen Tom Johnson and Randy Robinson were not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Palmer swore Bill Auvil in as a council member for Council Position #2.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 19, 2020 minutes. Al Evan made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave council members his department’s report for October 2020. There were eleven cases ranging from suspicious, theft, welfare check, CPS referral, drugs, junk vehicles, traffic offense, juvenile problem and domestic dispute.
- VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the report for October 2020. Many PW projects have been completed last month. The wooden bridges on Williams Street and on Jackson Street have been re-decked. The hut over the flow machine at the lagoons has been built. We replaced the effluent pump in the wet well at the lagoons. Finished the final water meter reading for the season and insulated around fifty meter boxes for winter. Installed an aerator in the second lagoon pond. Discharging the treatment facility began today per our discharge permit with DOE.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **AUVIL REQUEST FOR VACATE EASEMENT** – Since the property is not an easement but rather owned by the Town, Bill withdrew his request. The Town would have to declare said sections as surplus, have the property appraised then begin the bidding process for said property. Council members do not want to see the Town go to such expense for this request. This request has been rescinded and council will take no more actions.
 - B. **2020 BUDGET** – Council reviewed the 2021 proposed budget. All changes have been made except one, the software agreement with BIAS/Springbrook. We hope to get that agreement within the next week. We will have our first budget hearing at the next council meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE BY CORY AND MEHGAN DONEEN** – This was tabled until Randy Robinson could be present at council since he is the one who has been talking to Cory about where he wants to place a fence.
- B. 2021 WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** – City Hall has been getting quite a few calls regarding the paint markings on our streets. The engineers have requested locates for all the areas that will be involved in the project. The white marks are the engineers request for locates. Blue markings are water, green markings are sewer, red markings are electricity and orange markings are telephone. The engineers are starting the design phase of the project.
- C. ORDINANCE NO. 643 – AMENDING 2020 BUDGET** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 643 amending the 2020 budget. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Crooks made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 643 amending Current Expense Fund 001 by \$30,000 for the CARES Act funding purchases increasing the expense fund to \$172,720.09. Al Evans seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

AL – He would like to see a RV dump site sign by HWY 27.

TOM C. – He noticed all the lamp post lights are out on the first block of Steptoe. This will be reported to Public Works first thing in the morning.

- XI. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for October 2020. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27177 - #27196 in the amount of \$11,185.63 for claims and \$9,172.56 for payroll totaling \$20,358.19 from October 21, 2020 through October 31, 2020. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER