

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
September 8, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Al Evans, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Council members Dolores Haley and Tom Johnson were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Bill Auvil
- IV. **BILL AUVIL – EASEMENT OF OLD WELL:** Bill and Kay Auvil recently purchased property from Craig Rickett. Bill submitted a copy of one of his closing documents that identified an easement for the Town of Oakesdale to access a well that is no longer used nor there. Bill would like to know if the Town would have a problem vacating that easement. Randy Robinson made the motion to vacate said easement recorded under Auditor’s File No. 66530; beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 11, thence west 15 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 40 feet; thence west 20 feet; thence north 40 feet; thence east 20 feet to the point of beginning and vacate said easement recorded under Auditor’s File No. 142801 beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 11; thence south 40feet; thence was 17.5 feet; thence north 40 feet; thence east 17.5 feet to the point of beginning. Beginning at a point 32.5 feet west of the northeast corner of Lot 11; thence south 40 feet; thence west 6 feet; thence north 40 feet; thence east 6 feet to the point of beginning. Al Evans seconded the motion; all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed August 3, 2020 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None
- VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** None
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-395 – RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2020-395 permitting a temporary fence to be placed on unused Town right-of-way. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-395 allowing William Tate to erect 40 feet of fencing on Jackson Street and 40 feet of fencing on 7th Street up to the street centerline on his side

of the property, provided, that if the Town should need to utilize those streets for municipal purposes or decides to use the streets for public travel, the fences shall be removed immediately by William Tate or his successors, assigns, agents or heirs. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- B. PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT** – Council members received copies of the Proclamation from the League of Women’s Voters who asked that our council affirms the Proclamation that has been adopted by the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners on August 3, 2020. All council members acknowledged the Proclamation and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment providing for women’s suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States.
- C. BUSINESS INCUBATOR LEASE AGREEMENT TERMINATION** – We received a 30-day written notice of termination of lease from Wilbur-Ellis Company for the business incubator office space they had been leasing. The agreement will terminate on September 30, 2020. The space has already been cleaned out and the keys have been returned.
- D. CARES FUNDS** – As part of the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments, our Town can receive \$30,000 in relief. Mayor Palmer met with Kristie Kirkpatrick from Whitman County Rural Library District and Kara Riebold with the Port of Whitman to discuss the needs in our community that the relief funds could benefit. They proposed \$1,000 for PPE for library and Town; \$5,000 to increase technology at the library for computers for curbside services, filtering and admin costs for tech support, curbside seating solutions and increased bandwidth speeds; \$24,000 for increased technology access for students at Oakesdale School District - purchasing laptops and Chromebooks and wi-fi hotspots for students. The Port of Whitman has offered to assist in the paperwork associated to the CARES Funds.
- E. CDBG-CV FUNDS** – The WA Department of Commerce has Coronavirus block grant funding (CDBG-CV) for towns and the county. If the towns and the county apply together as a consortium additional incentive funds will be added to the total award amount for the county. The funds will be set aside for each town’s low-income residents and the county will sub-contract with the Community Action Center who will administer those funds. Oakesdale will receive \$1,500 for our low-income residents.
- F. TIB STREET PROJECT** – Council members reviewed an email from Steve Marsh with TD&H Engineering that there were a couple of issues with the Steptoe & First Street Project:
- **Issue #1** Steptoe Avenue – There is a 15-foot area on the roadway that has less than a 1% cross slope. The area drains, but very slowly and it was not constructed per the plans. Their recommendations are: Option 1 – make Motley Motley cut out and replace the 15-foot by 35-foot section of Steptoe to create a 2% cross slope. The downside of this decision is they would have to saw cut the new pavement and those saw lines will need to be cracked sealed every 2 – 3 years to prevent water from entering into the sub

grade. Options 2 – Do nothing and take credit for the work which the funds would go back to TIB who is funding the project. Council consensus was to chose Option #2.

- **Issue #2** First Street – Motley Motley did not create the valley gutter in front of Whitman County Fire District #10 station as the plans illustrated, which results in all of the rain water running down the street and directly into the fiber optic communication vault across from the fire stations bay doors. TD&H’s recommendation is for Motley Motley to remove the western half of First Street, regrade the subgrade to create the valley gutter and repave First Street as it was initially designed. Council consensus was to go with our engineer’s recommendation on First Street.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

AL – He suggested we put a sign up along First Street that indicates we have an RV dumpsite. The current sign is posted at the dumpsite itself.

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

XI. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF PAID CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for August 2020. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27072 - #27113 in the amount of \$16,119.16 for claims and \$19,261.35 for payroll totaling \$35,380.51 from August 5, 2020 through September 2, 2020. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer