

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 16, 2020

****Public Hearing for 2020 Preliminary Budget – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mary reviewed the budget with council members stating the only change in the budget was the cost of the BIAS software agreement. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

****Public Hearing for 1% levy amount from the previous year – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Mary informed council members the one percent total from Whitman County would be \$541.21. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. following both Public Hearings.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans and by phone Tom Crooks. Councilmen Tom Johnson and Randy Robinson were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed November 2, 2020 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2020 BUDGET** – The budget will be ready for the final budget hearing at our next council meeting on Monday, December 7th. All items have been received for budget purposes.
 - B. **RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE REQUEST BY CORY & MEHGAN DONEEN** – Randy Robinson had been working with Cory to get the fence area mapped out to present to council. Randy is going to be gone for the next month for his double knee replacement. Bill Auvil will take over where Randy left off and will meet with Cory to get the information we need for review by the next council meeting.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-396 – 1% LEVY AMOUNT** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2020-396 increasing by one percent over the actual levy amount from the previous year. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt

Resolution No. 2020-396 asking for one percent more of said levy amount which shall be \$541.21 from the previous year. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- B. SPECIAL LEVY RESULTS** – Council members reviewed the results of the Town’s special levy results from Whitman County Elections. Proposition #1 safety levy for Whitman County Fire District #10 contract to provide fire and emergency medical services for \$14,000 passed with 87.45% approval. Proposition #2 street levy for maintenance and street lights for \$41,000 passed with 74.69% approval. Proposition #3 for crack sealing and chip sealing streets for \$50,000 passed with 68.85% approval.
- C. LEVY CERTIFICATION** – Council members received a copy of the Levy Certification showing the Town will receive \$54,662.32 in 2021 for the regular levy and an additional \$105,000 for the special levies in 2021.
- D. DOE INTEREST RATE CHANGE FOR LOAN** – The Town received notification from DOE regarding the loan for the wastewater facility plan and other requirements has been lowered from .7% to .6%.
- E. CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE** – We received an email from Department of Commerce that our critical areas Town Code needs updating and the changes should have been completed by June 30, 2020. This update is required for us to receive DOE funding. Mary has a conference call with DOC to review what changes are needed. Once the plan has been brought up to date it will be adopted by Ordinance.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

TOM C. – None

BILL – None

AL – None

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed November 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27197 - #27215 in the amount of \$192,484.37 for claims and \$8,734.90 for payroll totaling \$201,219.27 from November 2, 2020 through November 13, 2020. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:25 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer