

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 21, 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, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 7, 2020 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – Mary submitted our Town Attorney, Eric Hanson’s comments after reviewing the inter-local agreement between the Town of Oakesdale and Whitman County. Brandon Johnson from Whitman County stated Eric had the same comments from the Town of Tekoa as well. The County will refer the changes to their attorney, Denis Tracy and get back to us.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-397 TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2020-397 permitting a temporary fence to be placed on unused Town right-of-way. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Bill Auvil made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-397 allowing Cory Doneen to erect temporary fencing of 30 feet of the north side of Williams Street from Roberts Road to Idaho Rd 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 street for public travel, the fence shall be removed immediately by Cory Doneen or his successors, assigns, agents or heirs. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
 - B. **LEVY CERTIFICATIONS** – Council members received copies of the levy certifications from Whitman County that showed Proposition No. 1 – Safety Levy in the amount of \$14,000 passed with 86.77%. This levy is for the annual fire contract the Town of Oakesdale has with Whitman County Fire District #10 to provide annual fire protection and emergency medical services to our community. Proposition No. 2 – Street Levy in the amount of

\$41,000 passed with 74.51%. This levy is for street work, street lights, street expenses and maintenance of Town streets. Proposition No. 3 – Street Levy in the amount of \$50,000 passed with 67.32%. This levy is for crack sealing and chip sealing of Town streets with work to be done by Whitman County Public Works.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – He asked where are we in repairing or replacing the generator at the lagoons. The parts that went bad are no longer made by Kohler. Cummins has been trying to find parts with no luck. We know the owner of Peak Industries out of Spokane who deals in generators and he is trying to find one to our specification under \$15,000 by the first of the year. He knows the replacement generator is a high priority issue. We do not need sewer backing up into town when the power goes out for a period of time. We should have more updates by next week. Randy would like the Town to keep the current generator to see if we could ever get it running again to use somewhere else for the Town.

TOM C. – None

AL – None

BILL – His home was delivered in two halves last week. There was quite a bit of mud on the corner of 6th Street and Bartlett from getting the halves of the home onto the foundation. Pam did a good job scraping the mud off the streets with the backhoe. They will probably need to be swept when there is a break in the weather. Sorry! Bill asked what is going on with the lack of maintenance on the Post Office building. First the main door was broke off for months, then the light on the ceiling came down and now there is water damage from the roof. The Post Office has a lease for that space and it appears the owners of the building are responsible for maintaining the building.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for December 2020. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27245 - #27265 in the amount of \$10,703.76 for claims and \$3,867.19 for payroll totaling \$14,570 from December 9, 2020 through December 16, 2020. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:28 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council member voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer