

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For*  
*January 4, 2021*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Al Evans lead council in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 21, 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave council members his department’s report for December 2020. There were 10 cases ranging from animal problems, 9-1-1 hang-ups, fraud, attempted murder suicide, citizen assist, parking problem and suspicious. Keith asked council if they would be interested in replacing the Crown Vic cop car. The car was bought used in 2005 and has served its purpose. It would be nice to have an SUV with 4-wheel drive options for winter. The Sheriff’s office will be having some used SUVs coming up for sale. Keith would like to get one of those and surplus our cop car. Council consensus was to replace the cop car.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works Report for December 2020. We have GEO Engineers in Town completing boring samples for the 2021 water project. They hit a water main by Montana St & Robert Rd. Pam was able to patch the hole in the main. The generator at the Treatment Plant has been down and may not be able to be repaired. The Kohler parts we need are no longer made. Pam’s concern is if we should lose power for more than a few hours, the sewer could backup into Town. This is a high priority issue. We have found a 20K generator from Peak Industries out of Spokane that can get us a replacement for \$14,700 which includes taxes and shipping. It will be here within two weeks. Council members asked to keep the old one and maybe we can change some of the mechanics to get it to run again and use it somewhere else.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – Mary submitted our Town Attorney’s suggestions for the agreement back to Whitman County. The suggestions will be sent to their attorney and then they will get back to us.
  - B. **CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE** – Council members received copies of the confirmation for submittal of the amended Critical Areas Ordinance to DOC, DOH and DOE for review.

Once they submit their suggestions it will go back to our Town Attorney for revision. Then it needs to go back to them again for final approval. The SEPA public comment period ends on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to adopt the Ordinance by the February 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-398 WAGES** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-398 setting the salaries of certain public employees. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Bill Auvil made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-398 giving a three percent wage increase for the Clerk/Treasurer, the Sub Clerk, Town Marshall and all Public Work employees. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-399 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-399 designating an official Town’s newspaper. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-399 designated The Whitman County Gazette as our official Town’s newspaper for 2021. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-400 COST ALLOCATION PLAN** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-400 updating the Cost Allocation Plan for 2021. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Bill Auvil made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-400 allocating the cost of the Clerk/Treasurer, Sub Clerk, and Public Works employees. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS’ BUSINESS: None**

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for December 2020. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27266 - #27289 in the amount of \$3,979.44 for claims and \$11,280.80 for payroll totaling \$15,260.24 from December 22, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:35 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

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**MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER**