

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 1, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tom Johnson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Tom Johnson and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson 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 January 19, 2021 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department’s report for January 2021. There were 13 cases ranging from welfare checks, trespassing, 9-1-1 hang-ups, hit and run, warrant arrest, abandoned vehicles and animal problem. Keith sent the Town Attorney, Eric Hanson, an email asking for a revision to the Town Codes under our zoning codes to remove the word poultry and add laying hens. We are seeing various types of fowl animals that we do not want in our Town due to the word poultry being so vague.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary reported the new generator was not set-up to all of our specifications. It had to go back to the company we purchased it from to be re-wired to three phase as we ordered it. The new generator was returned today and it will be installed tomorrow. The fish permit to add grass carp to the lagoon pond to eat down the duck weed was submitted to WA State Fish & Wildlife. Once the on-site inspection is completed and our application is approved, we will order the grass carp fish from an approved fish hatchery.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – We have received nothing back from the County.
 - B. **CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE** – Our Town Attorney, Eric Hanson, is updating the Critical Areas Ordinance with the suggested track changes from DOH and DOE. It will then be resubmitted to Department of Commerce for review. Once the two weeks review process is completed by DOC we can then adopt the Ordinance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. GENERAL ELECTION** – Council members reviewed the information from the County Auditor regarding the 2021 General Election and those positions that are up for re-election are Mayor Dennis Palmer, Council Position #4 held by Randy Robinson and Council Position #5 held by Tom Johnson will have their term expire on December 31, 2021. For those members wanting to run again they must file in person at the County Election Department during May 17th – May 21st.
- B. REQUEST FOR ENGINEERS' SOQ'S** – Engineer's Statement of Qualifications (SOQ's) are due by Friday, February 12th by 4 p.m. Council will review the submitted SOQ's at the February 16th Council Meeting. Council members will be given score cards to score each engineering firm. The Engineering firm with the highest score will be the Town's engineer for the next 5 years.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

TOM C. – He asked what the new owner of the Mill Creek Inn Tavern has planned to do with the building? There are more windows broke out of it and more pigeons living in the building. The last update we have received was the new owner was going to put a new roof on the building. The new roofing materials were put inside of the building to store them until he is ready to tackle that project.

TOM J. – None

AL – None

BILL – He noticed a junk vehicle up in the alley by his new home. This will be referred to Keith Cooper to see if it qualifies as a junk vehicle according to our Town Codes.

MAYOR PALMER – Pam is doing one heck of a job maintaining all the Town's equipment and vehicles.

- X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for January 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27320 - #27323 in the amount of \$12,166.95 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$12,166.95 for December 31, 2020 AND paid checks #27324 - #27342 in the amount of \$30,068.21 for claims and \$7,932.08 for payroll totaling \$38,000.29 from January 20, 2021 through January 29, 2021. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:28 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER