

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Randy Robinson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Steve Marsh, TD&H Engineering

Steve brought down a map detailing the water project. The map shows where all the water system upgrades will happen and possibly two other areas may get updated if the construction bid comes under projected cost. DOH allows us to spend all of the grant funding even if the project comes under bid. The starting target date is June 1, 2021 and be done by the end of August. We will be getting new water mains, water service lines, water meters and fire hydrants. The new water mains will be going in along the side of the streets on the Town's right-of-way. There will be about a 5ft strip that will be repaved from installing the new water main. The streets will not be getting paved like we first thought. Steve will meet once more with Mary and Pam to review the plans and timelines before having the Public Information Meeting on the water project on March 18th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 16, 2021 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department's report for February 2021. There were ten cases ranging from warrant arrest, animal problems, domestic dispute, suspicious, burglary, civil issue, junk vehicles, malicious mischief and a non-injury accident. The cop car we purchased from the County is here. Keith is still waiting for our Town Attorney to revise the zoning codes on laying hens. Keith gave council members a brief description on what passed in the Supreme Court last week that will affect what an officer can or can't do about a person in possession of illegal drugs.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works report for February 2021. Pam completely overhauled the orange street sweeper this winter. It is ready to sweep streets again. The bucket truck has been all cleaned up and serviced. This will be our service truck for water, sewer and street projects. We ordered the new zero turn lawn mower thru Pape'. Public Works patched some more potholes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates
- B. ENGINEERS' STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS** – Council members turned in their score sheets from reviewing all five Engineering firms SOQ's. There were 3 out of 5 council members that completed the score sheets. The highest scored on all three evaluation score cards was TD&H Engineering. Al Evans made the motion to recommend TD&H Engineering continue to be our Town's engineers for the next five years. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. AWC CQC SCHOLARSHIP** – We received no scholarship applications from this year's graduating seniors. We have no applications to score.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-402 DOE LOAN** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-402 accepting a sewer loan from the Department of Ecology for the State of Washington. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-402 approving the Mayor to sign the DOE funding agreement between the Town and the Department of Ecology for a loan amount of \$189,000 with \$94,500 being a forgivable principal leaving \$94,500 to be funded by the State Revolving Fund with an effective interest rate of 0.6% for a loan term of five years upon approval of the Town Attorney's review of the contract. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. DOC NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION** – Council members received copies of a letter from the Department of Commerce acknowledging final adoption of our Critical Areas Ordinance.
- C. DOE CONTRACT** – The contract can now be signed with the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-402 and after contract review by our Town Attorney.
- D. SURPLUS 2002 CROWN VIC POLICE CAR** – Randy Robinson made the motion to surplus the 2002 Crown Vic police car. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Keith submitted an average trade in value for the police car of \$625. Council members concurred with Keith to put the minimum bid at \$625 for the used cop car.
- E. SURPLUS 1963 FORD DUMP TRUCK** – Tom Crooks made the motion to surplus the 1963 orange Ford Dump Truck. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Mary could not find a value of the old truck since Kelly Blue Book doesn't value anything before 1992. The truck has not been used in several years. The lights and brakes do not work on the truck. It still has a working hoist. Council consensus was to have the minimum bid at \$300.
- F. SURPLUS 2006 NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR WITH ATTACHMENTS** – Bill Auvil made the motion to surplus the 2006 New Holland Tractor with all attachments. Randy Robinson

seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Pam called Jones Truck & Implement where the tractor was purchased and they valued the tractor at \$14,000 with attachments. Council members’ consensus was to put the minimum bid on the tractor at the suggested \$14,000.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – His new home passed final inspection and he is excited to get his occupancy permit to start living in their new home!

AL – None

TOM J. – None

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for February 2021. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27369 - #27389 in the amount of \$9,361.18 for claims and \$8,275.27 for payroll totaling \$17,636.45 from February 17, 2021 through February 26, 2021. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:46 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer