

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For*  
**March 15, 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, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Cory Doneen
- Cory asked why the Town Code does not allow burning yard debris on Sunday? Councilman Randy Robinson explained when the burning code was created it was so there would be one day on the weekend that the smoke was not a bother to anyone so families could enjoy being outside. Cory was reminded to use the outdoor recycling center for his yard debris when he can't burn it.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 1, 2021 council 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. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates
- B. **DOE CONTRACT** – Our Town Attorney, Eric Hanson, sent us an email with his comments/suggestions for the DOE contract. Council members were each given a copy of the email. His comments/suggestions were sent to DOE as required. DOE acknowledged the Town Attorney comments, but no changes will be made in their standard contract between DOE and the Town.
- C. **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT** – The old orange dump truck surplus ads will run in the Whitman County Gazette editions of March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. Sealed bids will be opened on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. The minimum bid for the dump truck is \$300. The Crown Vic police car ads will run in the Gazette editions of March 18<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup>. Sealed bids will be opened on March 29<sup>th</sup> at noon. The minimum bid for the police car is \$625.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **AWC RMSA LOSS PREVENTION GRANT** – Mary and Officer Cooper applied for a loss prevention grant through our liability insurance company, AWC RMSA, for the maximum amount of \$5,000 for two more solar powered speed limit warning signs to use at the south end of Town on HWY 27. We were awarded the grant funding. The cost of the speed limit signs including freight and tax is \$5,705.00. What is not covered by the grant will be covered under Fund 001 Current Expense.

- B. COUNCIL SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE** – Mary reminded council members that their summer meeting schedule starts next month. From April through August, council meetings are the first Mondays of the month only. In September, we go back to two council meetings a month.
- C. LIBRARY .09 FUNDING PROJECT** – Council members looked at a site plan from Design West Architects showing how they plan to make the front entrance of the library ADA accessible. The project must be completed by August 2021. This project is being funded by .09 funds from Whitman County.
- D. MAYOR PRO-TEM** – It was time to do some tidying up of duties. Al Evans has been the current Mayor Pro-tem for years. He asked if any other council member would like to have the honors. Council members wanted Al to continue with the position. Council consensus was to keep Al as Mayor Pro-tem.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – None

**AL** – He asked if we are getting a sign for the RV dumpsite. Mary ordered the sign last week. The new police SUV needs markings to identify it as a cop car. Mary has left that up to Keith to order the graphics for the police car.

**TOM J.** – None

**TOM C.** – He asked about the removal of the graffiti on the old drug store building and the old mechanics building. We know who the two teens are who did the damage, just not enough proof. We ordered some special cleaning agent for graffiti removal from brick.

**RANDY** – He also had concerns about the graffiti. Keep track of employee’s time and cost of supplies to remove the graffiti. If we can prove who did it and press charges, we will have a claim for wages and supplies to remove the graffiti.

**VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for March 2021. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27387 - #27405 in the amount of \$15,679.41 for claims and \$7,217.77 for payroll totaling \$22,897.18 from March 03, 2021 through March 15, 2021. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER**