

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
April 19, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Tom Crooks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilmen Tom Johnson and Al Evans were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 15, 2021 minutes. Randy Robinson 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:** None
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works report for April 2021. All the streets have been swept, the backhoe’s stabilizer has been repaired, the new mower was delivered last week and in use, done discharging the lagoons, uncovered and raised man holes for water project, trimming and removing damaged trees and cleaned out storm drains. We will be installing a new water line for Kelly Cook who is building a new house off of the Sheep Road off of Bartlett.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates
 - B. **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT** – The New Holland Tractor surplus ad ran in the Gazette in the April 1st and April 8th editions. Bids were opened on Monday, April 12th at noon. We received one bid in the amount of \$14,007.00. The minimum bid required was \$14,000.00.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDING** – The Town of Oakesdale is projected to receive \$95,603 in funds from the American Rescue Plan when President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion bill into law. The funds can be used for:
 - Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Covering costs incurred from the public health emergency
 - Replacing lost, decreased, or delayed city revenues caused by the pandemic
 - Addressing the negative economic impacts on local businesses and non-profits
 - Making necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
 - B. **NOTIFICATION TO PUBLISH A LOCAL VOTER’S PAMPHLET** – Council members reviewed an email from Sandy Jamison, Whitman County Auditor regarding a local voter’s

pamphlet for both the Primary and General Elections. Per RCW 29A.32.280 every jurisdiction that will be filing any type of a resolution, levy, bond, measure or advisory vote is required to establish a “for” committee and an “against” committee for the resolution that will be submitted to the County. Each committee’s job is to write a statement “for” or “against” the measure and submit it to the Elections office by the required deadline. Council members asked to table this topic until the next council meeting.

- C. **AMENDMENT TO ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR WATER PROJECT** – Department of Health has asked TD&H Engineering to complete the Cultural Resource Survey for our Town for the water project. The additional cost to complete the extra engineering is \$7,551.50. This amendment covers the additional engineering costs. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the Mayor signing the engineering amendment. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- D. **PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR** – Council members received a copy of the latest proclamation from Governor Inslee extending the disconnecting of any residential customers water service until termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or at 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2021 whichever comes first.
- E. **LIBRARY .09 FUNDING PROJECT** – The concrete work starts tomorrow at the Library and should be completed by Friday.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – He asked if we can notify the owner of the tax sale property on Steptoe to remove the junk and garbage, he put in the front yard months ago. Animals are getting into the garbage. This will be referred to Keith to notify the owner.

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

- X. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for March 2021. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve paid checks #27406 - #27461 in the amount of \$85,121.12 for claims and \$18,466.08 for payroll totaling \$103,587.20 from March 17, 2021 through April 15, 2021. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER