

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For*  
*May 3, 2021*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill Auvil led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans and Tom Crooks. Councilmen Randy Robinson and Tom Johnson were 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 April 19, 2021 minutes. Al Evans made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department’s report for March and April 2021. There were 18 cases ranging from assault, welfare checks, civil standby, domestic dispute, agency assist CPS, warrant arrest, trespassing, malicious mischief, 9-1-1 hang-up, animal problem, civil issue and juvenile problem. Keith addressed the kids riding their motorcycles around town. He has contacted the kids and their parents and told them to push the motorcycles out of town to go ride them. They can not be ridden on town streets. The graphics for the new patrol car have arrived and Keith will get them put on the car.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** A report was not available from Pam Jacobs this time. We did install a water meter and service line for Kelly & Jordyn Cook who will be building a new house off of Bartlett by the Old Sheep Road. We are still waiting for our grass carp fish permit to be approved by Fish & Wildlife. The permit needs SEPA approval first and we are at the open comments period until May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates
  - B. **NOTIFICATION TO PUBLISH A LOCAL VOTER’S PAMPHLET** – Council members reviewed an email we received from Sandy Jamison, Whitman County Auditor, notifying us that pursuant to RCW 29A.32.210, Whitman County will publish a local voter’s pamphlet for both Primary and General Elections. The pamphlet will be mailed to every household approximately 20 days before the elections. Per RCW 29A.32.280, every jurisdiction that will be filing any type of resolution, measure, levy or bond is required to establish a “for” and “against” committees for that resolution. Each committee’s job is to write a statement “for” or “against” the measure we are submitting to Whitman County

Election office at the same time as the resolution itself is being submitted. Council discussed committee chairmen and designated Randy Robinson will lead the “for” committee and Al Evans will lead the “against” committee. Each chairman will need to find two more committee members and have their statements ready by the July council meeting.

- C. **LIBRARY .09 FUNDING PROJECT** – Mary gave the project update on the library. All the concrete has been poured and the sidewalk now goes flush with the front door of the library. We are now getting bids to replace the front door. We need the door to open to the inside allowing easier access for wheelchairs. We do not have the funds to install a powered door for easy access. The project needs to be completed by the end of August.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** – Council members reviewed last year’s STIP. Two projects have been completed and will be removed from the STIP. Mary asked council members if they had any other projects they would like to add to this year’s STIP. Mary will add this year’s chip seal project to the STIP. We will have a Public Hearing before our next council meeting for the STIP.
- B. **NORTHEAST PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT** – Council members were given a copy of a plat map showing 46 lots for sale in the northeast top section of city limits. The realtor had several questions about street access, water and sewer services and zoning codes. Currently there are no city services in that area. Most of the lots are being farmed. There are plotted streets that have never been developed in the area. Both our water and sewer system have a maximum capacity for services. Council discussed what improvements if any would they see in the future for those sections of lots. Council consensus was no water, sewer or street improvements where the lots are located. If a developer purchased the lots, then we would discuss further what services that company was willing to provide.
- C. **RADAR SPEED SIGNS** – Bill Auvil will check with WSDOT about where we want to position the radar signs along HWY 27 and if we need another agreement to install two more. We would like to use two existing power poles to mount the radar signs on. Mary will check with Avista on whether that is possible or not.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**TOM C.** – None

**AL** – None

**BILL** – He asked if we will patch 6<sup>th</sup> Street this fall. Yes, we will be patching potholes and bad sections of streets this fall. Bill asked if Keith contacted to owner on Steptoe regarding his garbage being outside all winter. Keith did leave a message for him asking for it to be removed. Bill will take some pictures where we want to place the speed radar signs to send to WSDOT for approval.

- X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for April 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27462 - #27483 in the amount of \$3,937.27 for claims and \$5,185.78 for payroll totaling \$9,123.05 from April 21, 2021 through April 29, 2021. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55 p.m. Bill Auvil 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