

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
July 6, 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, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCITON OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 7, 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:** Keith Cooper submitted a report for May & June for his department. Keith could not be present to review the report with council members. The report showed there were 16 cases ranging from assault, fraud, suspicious, civil standbys, welfare check, animal problems (dog bites), noise complaint, threatening, traffic offense, suicide attempt, disorderly person and domestic dispute.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave council members the Public Works report for last month. The gate for the lagoon has been constructed and installed, 45 grass carp fish have been added to the lagoon to eat the duck weed, finished removing the trees on Pearl Street, finished rocking Montana Street and opened up the closed Rednour hill for the water project. They have been busy dealing with little problems as they come up on the water project.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates
 - B. **LIBRARY .09 FUNDING PROJECT** – Council members reviewed a copy of a letter from the Board of County Commissioner giving the Town and extension on the library project being completed from August 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021.
 - C. **RADAR SPEED SIGNS** – The project has been completed! Bill Auvil assisted Officer Cooper and the Public Works crew to get the two solar speed limit signs installed at the south end of city limits along State Route 27.
 - D. **DOE WARNING LETTER RESPONSE** – Council members received a copy of the response from the Town to DOE regarding their warning letter on our treatment plant. The

response letter addressed each concern and most of the warning have already been corrected.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. FLAGS** – There are new US flags and poles on the street lights on Steptoe Ave.
- B. WELCOME SIGNS SOLAR LIGHTS** – We have installed industrial solar lights above both welcome signs at each end of town.
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-404** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-404 placing propositions on the November 2, 2021 General Election ballot. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**. Bill Auvil made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-404 for Proposition No. 1 Safety Levy for \$14,000 which is an estimated \$0.55 per \$1,000 of 2021 assessed valuation; Proposition No. 2 Street Levy for \$41,000 which is an estimated \$1.60 per \$1,000 of 2021 assessed valuation and Proposition No. 3 Street Levy – Chip Sealing for \$50,000 which is an estimated \$1.96 per \$1,000 of 2021 assessed valuation. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, 3 council members voted yes and 1 council member voted no – **motion passed**.
- D. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT FOR 2020** – This water report is required each year to be mailed by July 1st to all our users. The report verifies we had no DOH violations on our water system in 2020. We mailed our report with our water bills that went out on June 30th.
- E. ARPA FUNDS** – We received our first half of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). On June 25th we receive \$61,273 and next year we will receive the other half. We will be spending our funds on upgrades at the lagoons. We will need to setup interfund transfers from Current Expense Fund to the Water/Sewer Fund.
- F. VARIANCE REQUEST – AL EVANS** – Al Evans has placed his house on the market. He really wants to stay in Oakesdale and would like to live in his Richfield Station commercial building located on First Street. He would like to occupy his business and sell art frames. Council consensus was to approve his request. Mary will prepare a Resolution by the next council meeting for adoption.
- G. WATER PROJECT UPDATE** – The water project started on July 6th. The construction crews are focusing on Rednour and McCoy Streets to start. NNAC notified all residents by flyers of what to expect on the project and when their water service may be turned off due to replacement. TD&H Engineers have hired Logan Reed to be an intern on the project and our go between for the contractors.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – None

TOM C. – Do we have any progress on the old tavern? None!

AL – None

BILL – None

- X. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for June 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27536 - #27579 in the amount of \$73,287.35 for claims and \$16,660.74 for payroll totaling \$89,948.09 from June 8, 2021 through July 1, 2021. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:50 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER