

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For*  
**August 2, 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, 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:** Steve Marsh, TD&H Engineering
- IV. **STEVE MARSH, TD&H ENGINEERING – WATER PROJECT UPDATE:** Steve came tonight to give council members an update on our water project. The contractor, NNAC should be about 1/3 of the way done with the project. They are not and are running behind. It is likely the project will end sometime mid-October. There are a few change orders in the works to add a few more working days to the contract that NNAC is entitled to receive for some of their work. We are currently trending above budget due to the amount of clay we are encountering in the water main trenches. The clay must be replaced with imported granular backfill material to get compaction and prevent the soil from settling. If the contractor does not finish the project by the adjusted completion date from the change orders, the liquidated damages will be approximately \$5,070/day they will be fined.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed July 6, 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.**
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None – Keith is on a family vacation.
- VII. **PUBIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the report for Public Works – Whitman County has completed the crack sealing and chip sealing we requested: Steptoe Ave from 2<sup>nd</sup> St to east Bartlett St, 2<sup>nd</sup> St between Steptoe Ave & Bartlett St, 3<sup>rd</sup> St from McCoy St to the City limits. Public Works has been very busy with the water project. Pam thinks the 45 Carp fish we stocked the lagoon pond with might not be enough. The duckweed is getting worse.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITMAN COUNTY** – No updates from the County.
  - B. **LIBRARY .09 FUNDING PROJECT** – The short form agreement between the Town of Oakesdale and Steve’s Glass have been signed for the replacement of the library front door. Work is estimated to be done in September of this year.

C. **AL EVANS REQUEST TO LIVE IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING** – Mary looked back to December 2015 council meeting records to see how the request was handled with Brad Sullivan who is living in his commercial building while operating a RV park and car wash. Al will need to submit a letter of intent to council who will refer the request to the Board of Adjustment to review. The board will then make a recommendation to council regarding the request to live in his commercial building, The Richfield Station.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **DOE NPDES WASTEWATER PERMIT RESPONSE** – We received an email from Rob Buchert, Senior Compliance Specialist from DOE, thanking the Town for its response to DOE’s warning letter he received on June 11, 2021. Our response described the actions taken, or actions that will be taken which are acceptable to correct the violations as described in the warning letter. He appreciates our response and the efforts of our Public Works staff is making to maintain compliance with our wastewater discharge permit.

X. **COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – None

**TOM C.** – He has noticed we are having a problem with raccoons in town. He has seen up to twenty raccoons travel through his yard.

**RANDY** – None

XI. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for July 2021. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27580 - #27623 in the amount of \$34,605.05 for claims and \$17,280.22 for payroll totaling \$51,885.27 from July 7, 2021 through August 2, 2021. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:35 p.m. Tom Crooks 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