

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
for
September 20, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Bill Auvil lead 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. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 9, 2021 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. **AL EVANS REQUEST TO LIVE IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING** – Tom Crooks reported to council that the Board of Adjustment met on September 16th with advisor Tom Crooks and members Mike Crossett, Claudia Louk, Steve DeGon, Kathy Robinson and Dick Brown. The Board reviewed Al Evans request to live in his commercial building located at 113 N First Street to operate an art frame business. Members reviewed Town Codes to confirm the proposed retail shop would provide opportunity for travelers, tourist, and visitors to the Town. The proposed apartment would facilitate the property owner’s management of the retail shop. Based upon the Board’s findings, they concluded that the proposed use would benefit the Town and are consistent with and would promote the purposes and intent of the Commercial/Industrial Zone. Randy Robinson made the motion to accept the Board of Adjustment’s recommendation for Al Evans to establish and operate a retail shop on premises and to maintain an apartment in his commercial building located at 113 N First Street. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, three council members voted yes and One member abstained – **motion passed.**
 - B. **2022 BUDGET** – The preliminary budget is still a work in progress and more data needs to be entered. There will be one to review at the next council meeting.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **POWER OUTAGE** – The power outage we experienced on August 21st that had the Town out for a little over 11 hours proved both generators at the well and lagoon worked as programmed! The next phase for a generator is the treatment plant when discharging in the winter months. The old generator at the lagoons may be repaired and we can install it down there if we can get it working again.

- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-405 – TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE BUDGET** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-405 transferring ARPA funds within the budget. Al Evans seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-405 transferring \$61,333.00 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Fund 001 Current Expense to Fund 401 Water/Sewer for improved infrastructure at the sewer treatment plant. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. CLERK VACATION – CITY HALL COVERAGE** – Normally when Mary takes a vacation her sub-Claudia Louk covers those days. This time, due to family health reasons, Claudia can't cover Mary's vacation from September 24th thru October 1st. Mary asked council members for ideas for coverage. Mayor Palmer said he would cover both Fridays and Monday while Tom Crooks would cover Tuesday thru Thursday. Mary thanked council for stepping up to cover her days off.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

AL – He sees there is a Wifiber banner up at the Willow's building. That is the company aka Cascade Computing who leases our alcove at the Willow's for their fiber equipment.

TOM C. – None

RANDY – None

- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27667 - #27687 in the amount of \$10,264.03 for claims and \$7,926.60 for payroll totaling \$18,190.63 from September 8, 2021 through September 15, 2021. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:23 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER