

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 15, 2021

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – Mayor Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. The 2022 preliminary budget now includes beginning and ending balances. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Public Hearing. Randy Robinson 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. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Roger Hagar

Roger informed council he had a confusion on definition of words at our last council meeting he attended. He has talked to an attorney but not retained one. Roger was informed William Tate will not be adding a fence on 7th Street. There is a Resolution for council to adopt tonight adjusting Mr. Tate’s fence for Jackson Street only. Roger is fine with that as long as William Tate does not expand his fence line into the intersection of 7th & Jackson. There are markers in the intersection that makes Roger think the fence might be placed in that location. Roger asked who pays the insurance if something happens on the fenced street area. Councilman Crooks explained that falls on the property owner who put the fence up. Roger stated he is fine if nothing else happens.

IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed November 1, 2021 minutes. Bill Auvil made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

V. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **2022 BUDGET** – All budget items are listed, beginning and ending balances added and we are looking at a balanced budget for 2022. Both DOH and DOE grants will carry over into 2022 since neither project will be done until the spring of 2022.

B. **WATER PROJECT UPDATE** – Steve Marsh sent an email with an update on the water project. Construction cost have increased approximately \$275,000 which is almost all of the contingency funds. Overruns in HMA paving and crushed surfacing base course for road repairs account for approximately \$140,000 of the overrun. Contract will be suspended due to weather and supply issues around December 1, 2021. The work will

be finished in the spring of 2022 which includes flushing, testing and connecting water mains on Washington, McCoy and Bartlett. Install fire hydrant at Bartlett & HWY 27 with 3 bollards. Install new meter setters and water meters. Commission SCADA system for the wells and water tank. Contractor has run out of contract working days. Time extension request pending 19.5 days on Change Order #4.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-407 TEMPORARY FENCE** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2021-407 permitting a temporary fence to be placed on unused Town right-of-way. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-407 allowing William Tate to erect a fence on Jackson Street up to the street centerline on his side of the property. If the Town should need to utilize Jackson Street in the future for public travel or municipal purposes, the fence shall be removed immediately by William Tate or his successors, assigns, agents or heirs. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. 2022 LEVY CERTIFICATION** – Council members reviewed the Levy Certification for 2022. The Town will receive \$55,208.94 in property tax funds and \$105,000.00 from the Town’s special levies.
- C. 2021 LEVY RESULTS** – Our Safety Levy for \$14,000 passed with 80.13% of the vote. Our Street Maintenance Levy for \$41,000 passed with 75.68% of the vote. Our Street crack seal & chip seal levy for \$50,000 passed with 70.67% of the vote. Mayor Palmer received 94.66% approval for another term. Bill Auvil received 97.67% approval for his first full term on council. Randy Robinson received 97.66% approval for another term on council. Claudia Louk received 97.60% approval for her first term on council.
- D. CHRISTMAS EVE & JUNETEENTH** – Mary asked council if Christmas Eve could be a paid holiday starting in 2022. She and Pam would like to exchange the Federal holiday of Juneteenth with Christmas Eve. Council consensus was to approve the request. The employee handbook will be updated and approved by council at the first meeting in January 2022.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

AL – None

TOM C. – None

RANDY – He asked Bill if he would help out when Pam goes on vacation if it should snow. Bill said he would operate the plow truck when Pam is gone if it snows. Skip will be here to operate the backhoe.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for November 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27763 - #27778

in the amount of \$12,616.95 for claims and \$7,840.02 for payroll totaling \$20,456.97 from November 2, 2021 through November 15, 2021. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:48 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER