

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*for*  
*January 18, 2022*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Palmer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Claudia Louk and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson 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 January 3, 2022 minutes. Al Evans made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **WATER PROJECT FUNDING USED 2021** – Council members received a copy of the CFDS Contract Expenditures Report from Department of Health that shows the funds that were drawn in 2021 for our water project. We received \$980,650.67 from DOH state funds and \$1,089,536.93 in Federal Funds from EPA totaling \$2,070,187.60. Since we spent more than \$750,000 in federal funding in 2021, we will have a federal audit sometime this year on the water project.
- B. **2021 END OF YEAR BUDGET** – Council members reviewed 2021 Budget Position Totals Report. As of today, the final expenditures for the three funds show as follows:
- 001 Current Expense Fund - \$799.94 remaining
  - 101 Street Fund - \$1,449.18 remaining
  - 401 Water/Sewer Fund - \$635,429.58 remaining

We just received two invoices today that will be paid tomorrow for services received in December 2021. We have until January 20<sup>th</sup> to pay bills we occurred in 2021. One of the invoices we received was from Whitman County for the General Election costs for 2021. The amount of that invoice was \$608.58 which brings Fund 001 Current Expense to a remaining \$191.36 for 2021. The other invoice was for rock for the levy around the lagoon ponds. That invoice totaled \$23,999.95 and will bring Fund 401 Water/Sewer to a remaining \$611,429.63. The reason this fund has so much remaining is from the water

project not being completed in 2021. The project was put on hold due to the weather and will continue again in the spring of 2022.

- C. **MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR 2022** - Al Evans said he would continue to be Mayor Pro-tem if no one else wanted to do it. Al said he will be doing a bit of traveling this year. Council discussed nominating Randy Robinson for the position. Al asked council to let him keep it and see how it goes this year. Council consensus was to allow Al Evans to continue being Mayor Pro-tem for 2022.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – He asked if we had a Town Code for a 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel RV being parked on a city street. Yes, we have a code for RV's and they must be parked on their property. Do we also have a code to take action against people that have junk all over their yards? We have a junk vehicle code, and we have a code for garbage service. Not a code specifically for people that live like pigs per say.

**AL** – None

**CLAUDIA** – None

**TOM** – None

- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2021. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27855 - #27859, #27864 - #27865, #27878 in the amount of \$2,999.52 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$2,999.52 for December 31, 2021 AND paid checks #27860 - #27863, #27866 - #27877 in the amount of \$36,468.46 for claims and \$13,365.65 for payroll totaling \$49,834.11 from January 4, 2022 through January 13, 2022. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:25 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**