

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
for
February 7, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Tom Crooks 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.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed January 18, 2022 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper gave his department’s report for January 2022. There were ten cases ranging from an accident, unattended death, animal problems, disorderly, parking problem, theft, welfare check and traffic offenses.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works report for January 2022. The grinders at the lagoons are finally working properly. One of the new floats went bad at the bottom. It has been replaced and the system is working great. The thermostats have been replaced at both shops and all the furnaces have been serviced. The City Hall furnace had water in the fuel line from the tank to the furnace. The tank has built up condensation over the years. Coleman Oil put a “diaper” in the tank to absorb the water. The line was bled and the furnace is working again.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **THANK YOU FROM PATTY JOHNSON** – Council members read a thank you card from Tom Johnson’s wife Patty. She mentioned how proud Tom was to be a Council Member and hated missing the last few years of meetings due to his dialysis treatments. He would be so pleased to have Claudia succeed him.
 - B. **DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT AUDIT** – We were contacted last December 2021 by DOR to have an audit for 2020 records. All required records were submitted to the Department of Retirement as requested. We were notified in late January 2022 that the person conducting our audit was pulled to perform other tasks. The new person reached out at the end of January to confirm she will be taking over the audit and

getting it wrapped up. We only have two employees that qualify for retirement benefits – the Clerk/Treasurer and Public Works Director.

- C. FEDERAL AND STATE AUDIT** – Mary contacted the State Auditor’s Office a few weeks ago informing them our water project did exceed \$750,000 spent in federal funds triggering us to have a federal audit. Mary has asked them to conduct the state accountability audit that is scheduled every 3 years to be included with the federal audit which would include only 2 years, 2020 & 2021. The reason to combine the audit is the amount of savings for the Town since the auditors will already be performing the federal audit. The next scheduled accountability audit would be conducted in 2025. The auditor’s office will be in touch with a price for conducting both audits and what month they plan on performing the audit. Mary reminded council members when the water project gets completed this year and if federal funds spent are over the \$750,000 threshold, we will have another federal audit in 2023.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

AL – None

CLAUDIA – None

TOM – He inquired if we have heard anything more from the Innovation donor. The school had an insert in their monthly newsletter a few months ago about matching funds from Innovation. Mayor Palmer has had no recent contact from the foundation.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for January 2022. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #27879 - #27880 in the amount of \$24,608.53 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$24,608.53 for December 31, 2021 AND paid checks #27881 – 27902 in the amount of \$457,806.68 for claims and \$11,236.96 for payroll totaling \$469,043.64 from January 20, 2022 through February 2, 2022. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Mary reminded council members that this was the last two checks dated 12/31/21 for the open period month to close out 2021 spending.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:40 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER