

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
for
April 4, 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, Claudia Louk, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilman Al Evans was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Roger Hager
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 21, 2022 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None – Keith is on vacation.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary reviewed the report with council members. Pam is finishing her marathon street sweeping around the school since they are gone for spring break. Brad returns from Arizona this month and should be back to work around the 11th of April. Pam has started mowing, trimming and weed control. Public Works will be busy trimming trees and bushes in alley ways. We are still waiting for the installation of the generator at the treatment plant for discharging the lagoons. The water construction project will be starting back up in a few weeks.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **FEDERAL & STATE AUDIT** – Our audit will be scheduled sometime after May 31st after the annual report for 2021 has been filed.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **SURPLUS LOT 11 BLOCK 17 OFF OF BARTLETT** – Council members reviewed documents from Whitman County Assessor’s Office that had the information on the corner track - Lot 11 Block 17 – 38 ½ ft by 40 ft NE corner where one of the Town’s wells used to be back in the late 1930’s. The county has the corner lot valued at \$1,000. Bill would like the council to declare the corner track surplus and pursue a private sale since this corner track abuts his property and appears to be part of his front yard. Randy Robinson made the motion to surplus Lot 11, Block 17 NE corner 38 ½ ft by 40 ft. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, 3 council members voted yes and Bill abstained from the vote – **motion passed.** Mary will contact our Town Attorney to get the Resolution for the surplus corner track and to confirm the property will need to be appraised for fair market value.

B. COURTYARD – Pam would like to add two Avista spools to the courtyard to make into tables. Avista will donate the spools for the project. Then we would add two umbrellas to the spools. As the weather gets nicer, we have more people grabbing a bite to eat from Crossett’s and using the benches in the courtyard to enjoy their snacks and/or meal. She would also like to add patio lights to be strung out between the two buildings over the courtyard. This would need Mike Crossett’s approval as one of the buildings is his store. Council was all for adding the tables to the courtyard.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

CLAUDIA – She wanted to give kudos to Aaron Davis on the work he has done to the pool house. He has replaced the roof and remodeling the locker rooms. It looks awesome!

TOM – None

RANDY – None

X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Check Register, Receipt Register and Treasurer’s Report for March 2022. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #27960 - #27982 in the amount of \$3,478.82 for claims and \$10,447.88 for payroll totaling \$13,926.70 from March 22, 2022 through March 31, 2022. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Claudia Louk made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:25 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

MAYOR DENNIS PALMER

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER