

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
July 5, 2022

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6 YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –** Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. There are six projects listed for paving, chip and crack sealing, new sidewalk project at the baseball field, street extension and stormwater drainage improvements. Being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed 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. Bill Auvil led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Claudia Louk, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Alex Peterson, new Deputy to Whitman County Sherriff’s Department who is training under Sargent Cooper tonight.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 6, 2022 minutes. Randy Robinson 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 June 2022. There were eight cases ranging from civil issues, theft, traffic hazard, animal problems and traffic offenses. Keith received zero fire work complaints during the 4th of July. He has sent out letters to property owners who are not maintaining their property when it comes to mowing the grass and weeds.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the report for Public Works. We had to do an emergency discharge of the lagoons due to all the thunder storms rolling through our area. We have not had any warm and dry weather to help evaporate the lagoons. We will discharge until the lagoons are at a safe level again. Public Works has been getting the Town ready for Old Mill Days. Trying to keep up with the mowing and weed control with the wet weather has been challenging to say the least.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **SURPLUS LOT 11 BLOCK 17** – Council members received copies of the appraisal. Whitman County has the small tract parcel valued at \$1,000 while the appraisal shows it valued at \$2,295. Bill paid for the appraisal.

- B. DAMAGE CLAIM STATUS** – We have submitted all documentation from the attorney representing Bill & Jodi Lanius to our liability insurance company. Council members received a copy of the new claim notification.
- C. WATER PROJECT UPDATE** – As of June 20, 2022 the water project received substantial completion. On June 23, 2022 a final walk-through was conducted with Town employees, TD&H Engineering and NNAC Construction. There is a punch list of items that needs to be completed prior to our engineers making a recommendation to the Town to accept the project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO 2022-413 SPECIAL LEVIES** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2022-413 placing the propositions on the November 8, 2022 General Election Ballot. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Crooks made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-413 asking for Proposition No. 1 Safety Level for \$14,000 to fund fire protection and emergency medical services; Proposition No. 2 Street Levy for \$41,000 for street work, street lights, street expenses and maintenance; Proposition No. 3 chip & crack sealing for \$50,000. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-414 STIP** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2022-414 revising the Comprehensive Street Program. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Claudia Louk made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-414 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-415 SURPLUS LOT** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2022-415 authorizing sale of surplus property by direct sale. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, 4 council members voted yes and 1 council member abstained – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-415 declaring a portion of Lot 11, Block 17 surplus and shall be sold by direct sale To William and Kay Auvil for the appraised value of \$2,295.00. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, 4 council members voted yes and 1 council member abstained – **motion passed**.
- D. REQUEST FOR SEWER MAIN BY ERICK SANCHEZ** – Council members reviewed an email from Erick Sanchez who is in the process of purchasing lots in Oakesdale to build one to three homes. There is no sewer main in that area. Erick is requesting the Town install a sewer main from Washington Street to Henry Street. Council discussion was in the past when someone wanted to build where there was not sewer available, they had the choice of going with a septic system or have a contractor install a sewer main for the project and then give the main to the Town to maintain. Council consensus was to give Erik that same choice. The Town will not install the sewer main.

- E. **RCO TENNIS COURT INSPECTION** – The Town received an inspection report on the tennis courts and since it was federally funded over 50 years ago – what is out of compliance. We need to meet with Jake Dingman from the school again to review our choices on making this old grant in compliance. The last discussion with RCO was to donate land to develop a park on it in order to keep the greenhouses on the tennis courts.
- F. **RCO POOL INSPECTION** – Mary advised RCO that the pool belongs to the Oakesdale Park & Rec District and not the Town. Our contact information will be removed and RCO will correct the information. Mary gave Shawna Jeffries a copy of the report for the Park Board to review.
- G. **OLD MILL DAYS** – Mary will be gone for Old Mill Days and wants to get the parade entry forms submitted before she leaves. Mayor Palmer will be the Grand Marshal of the parade and wants to ride in the old fire truck if we can get it running. Al said he can take his old truck (Towmater) and pull council on a trailer. Mary will get the parade forms submitted and get them candy to throw in the parade.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

AL – He has noticed the picture of the Old Flour Mill doesn’t show up very good on the welcome signs. He wants to know if it can be made darker.

CLAUDIA – None

TOM – None

RANDY – None

- X. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for June 2022. Bill Auvil made the motion to approve paid checks #28060 - #28104 in the amount of \$35,155.84 for claims and \$15,739.01 for payroll totaling \$50,894.85 from June 8, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Claudia Louk made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:55 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER