

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
September 19, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guest Pete Baljo 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:** Pete Baljo
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed September 6, 2022 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CP&P VERSATILE LOTS** – Tim O’Neal was informed council would buy back the lots at \$10,000 – the same price we sold them for to CP&P Versatile. Tim rejected the offer and is standing firm at \$15,000. Council consensus was no counter offer will be made. CP&P Versatile needs to make an effort in taking care of the empty lots. We will no longer help to keep the lots maintained from Town code violations.
 - B. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR LEASE** – Coleman Oil agreed to the lease of the Business Incubator for \$400 per month. Mary sent all the information to the Town Attorney to get the lease drawn up between the Town and Coleman Oil. Randy Robinson announced Mike Nodine talked to him on Friday and Coleman Oil has decided to stay in their current location and see how it goes with the new owner of the building.
 - C. **FEDERAL AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE** – Mayor Dennis Palmer and Councilman Tom Crooks were present for the exit conference with the State Auditor’s for the Federal and Financial Audit of 2021 of our water project. The Auditors thanked Mary DeGon, Mayor Palmer, Town Council and TD&H Engineering for their significant assistance, allowing for all the audit work to be performed remotely. In relation to the financial statement audit report, there were no uncorrected misstatements in the audited financial statements.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2023 VOTERS’ PAMPHLET WAIVER** – Council members reviewed the waiver from participating in any 2023 elections local voters’ pamphlet due to financial hardship. Randy Robinson made the motion to apply for the waiver on behalf of the Town of

Oakesdale for the 2023 election pamphlet. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- B. **2023 BUDGET BEGINS** – Mary informed council members that there will be a “bare bones” budget presented at the next council meeting. Each council meeting will have budget reviews and we will be fine tuning that budget for adoption in December. Mary will get with Public Works to see what items they are needing for 2023.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DENNIS – He would like to see Mayor Pro-tem added to the next agenda. He would like to see Claudia nominated as Mayor Pro-tem since Al has been absent from some of our meetings since he is traveling more to see his family.

BILL – None

CLAUDIA – She has been asked if the Town Council has considered adding a public restroom. This topic has been on our agenda numerous times through the years. Discussion on a permanent structure versus a handicapped porta potty continued as well as placement of the bathroom and funding sources. Council members were open to keeping it on the agenda for more discussion.

TOM – His neighbor’s dog has been running lose in the area and has been on his property numerous times. This is a new dog Billy Green rescued and he needs to do a better job of keeping the new dog on his own property.

RANDY – None

- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for September 2022. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #28189 - #28205 in the amount of \$9,833.52 for claims and \$8,255.57 for payroll totaling \$18,089.09 from September 7, 2022 through September 8, 2022. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Claudia Louk made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:26 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER