

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*For*  
*December 19, 2022*

**\*\*PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FINAL 2023 BUDGET – MAYOR DENNIS PALMER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:00 P.M. MARY PRESENTED A BALANCED BUDGET FOR CURRENT, STREETS AND WATER/SEWER FOR 2023. BEING NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, MAYOR PALMER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:02 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. following the Public Hearing. 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. **INTRODUCITON OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 5, 2022 minutes. Bill Auvil made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **CERTIFICATION OF LEVIES** – Council members received copies of the levy’s certification from the Whitman County Auditor for our three levies. Our safety levy passed with 83.17%; our street maintenance levy passed with 73.79% and our street crack seal/chip seal passed with 64.56%.
  - B. **TIB FUNDING – DENIED** – Council members reviewed a copy of a letter from Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) that are projects were not selected for funding. We applied for ATP – Williams Street Sidewalk – 1<sup>st</sup> St to 2<sup>nd</sup> St and SSCP citywide crack seal – multiple locations. However, Mary did receive a call today from TIB informing her they have extra funds available and would we be interested in awarding us funds for crack seal without involving our engineers to keep the cost low. TIB will contact Whitman County Public Works and see if they could fit us into their schedule in 2023 to perform the crack seal on our streets that we haven’t done yet. If the County does not have the time in 2023 then TIB would fund it for 2024.
  - C. **ORDINANCE NO. 649 – ADOPTING 2023 BUDGET** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 649 adopting the 2023 budget. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 649 passing the 2023 budget for \$161,679.89

in expenditures for Fund 001 Current, \$137,532.00 in expenditures for Fund 101 Streets and \$927,835.00 in expenditures for Fund 401 Water/Sewer. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- D. ORDINANCE NO. 650 – AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 650 amending the 2022 budget. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 650 amending Fund 101 Streets increasing account 542.30.48.00 Road & Maintenance by \$25,500. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- E. WHITMAN COUNTY BROADBAND ACTION TEAM NOTICE** – Council members reviewed a request from Whitman County Broadband Action Team asking for Oakesdale’s assistance in getting the word out to residents about the FCC’s current map of internet service levels. These service levels will be used to determine how much federal funding is received by the state to build better internet infrastructure and services, especially in the rural areas. Anyone could go to the Oakesdale Library to check their service level or they can go to [broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov) and scan a QR code on the poster in front of City Hall. The deadline is January 13, 2023.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – None

**CLAUDIA** – None

**TOM** – None

**RANDY** – He would like to see council pass an Ordinance restricting semi haulers from parking in the residential areas of Oakesdale or restrict the semis from parking in residential areas during the winter months. We will refer to our Town Marshal for assistance in this matter.

- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for December 2022. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #28311 - #28336 in the amount of \$26,817.64 for claims and \$8,191.48 for payroll totaling \$35,009.12 from December 7, 2022 through December 15, 2022. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

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**MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER**