

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 6, 2023

- 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 and Tom Crooks. Councilmen Randy Robinson and Al Evans were not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Pete Baljo

Pete has noticed the concrete in front of the library is breaking apart and wondered what type of deicer the librarian is using. We use Ace Hardware’s Ice Melt for over 20 years and it does not harm the sidewalk. We purchased the same ice melt for the library as well as City Hall. It could be a flaw in the concrete.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed January 17, 2023 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 council members his report for January 2023. There were eleven cases ranging from 9-1-1 hang-up, civil issue, automobile theft, vehicle prowling, suspicious, domestic dispute, suicidal person, welfare check, burglary and trespassing. Council members received a copy of a Code Violation Memo addressed to Darin Berntgen for having one too many animals on his property. Keith has given Darin 30 days to remove the horse or the steer by February 24, 2023.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the Public Works Report for January 2023. We continue to discharge the lagoons. Pam is repairing the orange sweeper and has to wait on parts to arrive. The new flow meter was installed at the discharge station. The second generator we are adding to the discharge station will be installed as soon as the electrical board component part arrives. We will be removing the sheetrock and old insulation from the ceiling of the Old Fire Station. We are still on the hunt for an aluminum fishing boat for the lagoon ponds.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **TOWN CODE FOR SEMIS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** – Keith Cooper gave council members an example of a code that could fit Oakesdale’s needs. Council discussed the Code information and agreed to the language used and asked to add the Code be active during November 1st to March 31st. Mary will send the information over to our Town Attorney, Eric Hanson, to be put into Code format and form an Ordinance for adoption.

B. OLD FIRE STATION REPAIR – Council members reviewed three written bids for spraying insulation on the ceiling of the Old Fire Station:

- EnergyLock - \$14,447.81
- Koala Insulation - \$17,396.40
- GMC - \$18,263.00

The bids have doubled in price due to the ceiling having six inch corrugated metal to cover. Council members consensus was to decline all three bids due to cost. Let's consider another option of having a contractor look at it and give us a bid for installing R21 insulation and installing the metal we have already purchased on the ceiling. Mary will get three verbal bids for council to consider.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. STREAMLINED RECYCLING – Whitman County Landfill Coordinator, David Nails, has reached out to us to offer Single Stream Recycling. The container is extremely large and needs to be in an area that the trucks can have room to load and unload the containers. They accept plastic, metal, paper and cardboard. Council consensus is to give the Single Stream Recycling a try. The area we are thinking of using is over by the Willow's. David Nails will make a site survey to see if the area will work or not.

B. SURPLUS WHITE SWEEPER – The old white dinosaur of a sweeper has not worked properly in years and we can no longer get parts for it. Pam is asking council to declare it surplus to remove it from our inventory. Claudia Louk made the motion to surplus the white Mobile Sweeper for sale or scrap. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

C. FOGGING FOR MOSQUITOES – Mary did contact the towns of Rosalia and Tekoa regarding fogging their communities for mosquitos. Tekoa uses a Public Works employee to fog their Town. Rosalia also uses Tekoa's employee. Neither City Clerks knew if the employee has the proper licensing to fog the towns. Mary had not checked with our liability insurance carrier to see what kind of a liability this would impose on the Town. Council consensus was to not pursue this topic any further.

IX. COUNCIL MEMEBRS'S BUSINESS:

BILL – None

CLAUDIA – None

TOM – He did receive a call back from his neighbor who would consider selling the 12ft aluminum fishing boat. It has new oars, a trailer and two motors. Tom will keep us posted on whether the neighbor will sell it to us or not.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for January 2023. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve paid checks #2377 - #28378 in the amount of \$389.48 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$389.48 for December 31, 2022 AND paid checks #28379 - #28400 in the amount of

\$4,510.31 for claims and \$11,700.43 for payroll totaling \$16,210.74 from January 18, 2023 through February 01, 2023. Claudia seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Claudia Louk made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER