

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 21, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Al Evans 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 was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 6, 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. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **TOWN CODE FOR SEMIS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** – We are waiting on our Town Attorney to write the Ordinance.
 - B. **OLD FIRE STATION REPAIR** – We have a local contractor that has time to help our Public Works staff remove the sheet rock and insulation from the Old Fire Station ceiling and replace with R21 insulation and tin the ceiling. The spray insulation foam bids were coming in just too high in cost.
 - C. **STREAMLINED RECYCLING** – The Whitman County Landfill Director, David Nails, came up to conduct a site visit on the proposed area for the streamline recycling dumpster. The site did not get his approval. They need more space for the trucks to unload a dumpster and be able to load the full dumpster. He noted there were no outside lights in that area as well. We do not have an area that is lit up to accommodate the dumpster. David will put us on hold for now until we have better options for a location.
 - D. **SURPLUS WHITE SWEEPER** – Public Works would like a clarification on the motion made at the last council meeting. The old dinosaur sweeper does not run properly and you can not get parts to fix it. It's not worth anything except the value of scrap metal. Randy Robinson made the motion to declare the white sweeper surplus for scrap. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **2022 YEAR END BUDGET REVIEW** – Council members reviewed 2022 Budget Position year-end review. Current Fund #001 was in the black by \$7,029.43; Street Fund #101

was barely in the black by \$697.55 and the Water/Sewer Fund #401 was in the black by \$200,849.67 mainly due to the water project not being closed out in 2022.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – None

TOM – He has submitted his resignation to Mayor Palmer effective March 31st. Tom asked council members if he should continue to pursue the aluminum 12ft fishing boat the neighbor has for sale. Council would like to know how much they want for the boat. It could be what we are looking for the sewer ponds.

CLAUDIA – She would like to see us replace the front door of City Hall. The door is becoming a safety issue since it can only be locked and unlocked from the outside. Consensus was to replace the front door and consider installing a panic button as well that can remotely lock the front door.

AL – He asked about the “sore eye” on Steptoe Ave and 3rd Street. There has been no progress on the repairs of the old house for more than two years. We will refer the Building Inspector to follow-up on the repairs. The house is to the point it needs to be demolished by the current condition it is in.

BILL – He has been asked if the shop that was built on east Bartlett Street is approved for residential zoning. The shop is considered an accessory building to the current lot and it does meet code.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve paid checks #28401 - #28418 in the amount of \$15,119.27 for claims and \$3,942.66 for payroll totaling \$19,061.93 from February 8, 2023 through February 15, 2023. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:43 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER