

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
March 20, 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, Al Evans, Claudia Louk, Tom Crooks, and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Bruce Palmer, Shon & Dee Eck, Russ Kolber, Roni Noonan-Agre and Pete Baljo.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 6, 2023 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. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **COUNCIL CANDIDATES' INTERVIEWS:** The four candidates for the open council member position effective April 1, 2023 were Pete Baljo, Russ Kolber, Shon Eck and Bruce Palmer. Each candidate was given a sheet with 7 questions that would be asked of them. Council members would also be able to ask other questions based on the answers that were given. Mayor Palmer asked each question for each candidate and council members then asked more questions to get a better understanding of what answer was given.
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Dennis Palmer announce we would be going into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss the four council member candidates for appointment to elective office for approximately 20 minutes. Mayor Palmer asked Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer to join them in Executive Session. After exiting Executive Session, Randy Robinson made the motion to exit the Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. and resume the regular council meeting. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE** – Mayor Palmer announced he would ask each council member who their vote was for: Randy Robinson voted for Pete Baljo, Claudia Louk voted for Bruce Palmer, Al Evans voted for Shon Eck, and Bill Auvil voted for Bruce Palmer. Councilman Tom Crooks abstained from voting since he was the outgoing council member. Bruce Palmer will be sworn in at the next council meeting on Monday, April 3rd.

B. SPRING/SUMMER COUNCIL MEETINGS – Council members were reminded that starting in April we go to meeting once a month through August. We will meet on the first Mondays of the month.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

BILL – Where are we at with the code violation on Darin & Sara Berntgen? They did not comply with the week extension. Officer Cooper will begin issuing daily tickets through the new system at Whitman County District Court.

AL – None

CLAUDIA – None

TOM – Adios Muchachos!

RANDY – None

X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for March 2023. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #28437 - #28454 in the amount of \$22,596.56 for claims and \$4,481.31 for payroll totaling \$27,077.87 from March 08, 2023 through March 15, 2023. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Tom Crooks made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:20 p.m. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER