

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 18, 2023

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 FINAL BUDGET – MAYOR DENNIS PALMER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7 P.M. MARY CONMPARED 2023 EXPENSES THUS FAR TO WHAT WAS BUDGETED FOR 2024 AND MADE A FEW CHANGES TO SOME EXPENSE LINES. MAYOR PALMER ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC; BEING NO COMMENTS, MAYOR PALMER CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:03 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. following the Public Hearing. Mayor Palmer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Claudia Louk, Bruce Palmer, and Randy Robinson. Councilman Al Evans was not in attendance. Also, present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.

- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Kris Johnson, Shon Eck, Pete Baljo, Kim Anderson, and Frank Sabo.

Pete Baljo handed out information from the Main Street Tax Credit Program. He has seen a team of architects at the Old Flour Mill conducting a feasibility study.

Kim Anderson reminded council of the first annual Christmas Party at the fire station this Friday, December 22nd from 7 – 10 p.m.

- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 4, 2023 minutes. Claudia Louk 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. **2024 BUDGET** – Mary asked council members if they had any more questions about the budget before it would be adopted under New Business. There were no questions from council members.

- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **ORDINANCE NO 652 – 2024 BUDGET** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 652 adopting the 2024 budget. Bruce Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 652 for the 2024 budget by fund showing \$173,561.56 for Fund 001 Current Expense Fund; \$98,081.92 for Fund 101 Street Fund and \$519,110.56 for Fund 401 Water/Sewer Fund. Bill Auvil seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- B. **LEVY CERTIFICATION** – Council members received copies of our Levy Certification from Whitman County Auditor, Sandy Jamison, for the General Election showing our Safety Levy passed with 89.01% and our Street Levy passed with 78.69%.
- C. **VOTES BY DISTRICT** – We also received a data sheet showing the Town of Oakesdale has 286 registered voters and 211 actually voted showing a 73.78% turnout for the General Election.

VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

BILL – None

CLAUDIA – None

BRUCE – He will miss the next council meeting.

RANDY – Merry Christmas everyone!

MAYOR PALMER – He thanked Claudia, Bill, and Bruce for attending the AWC RMSA newly elected officials training workshop.

VIII. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the November 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #28812 - #28830 in the amount of \$8,318.73 for claims and \$8,863.68 for payroll totaling \$17,182.41 from December 06, 2023 through December 12, 2023. Bruce Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Claudia Louk made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:18 p.m. Bruce Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER