

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*for*  
*March 18, 2024*

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Councilman Al Evans led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Al Evans, Claudia Louk, Bruce Palmer, and Randy Robinson. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Kris Johnson, Kim Anderson, Jack Fanning, Frank Sabo, Pete Baljo, and Shon & Dee Eck.

Jack – He was complaining about his neighbor waking him up every morning around 5 to 6 a.m. when he would startup his truck to go to work. The truck is too loud and we need to do something about it. He is not getting straight answers from our Town Marshal. Yesterday his neighbor had a party where he witnessed drinking and riding of a motorcycle. He called 9-1-1 to report the incident. The Town Marshal needs to be removed and save this Town some money. Councilman Randy Robinson acknowledge Jack that he has always had a problem with his neighbor since he moved back into Town. We are very happy with our Town Marshall. Jack said he was done talking to us and is getting a lawyer to sue the Town. He is going to build a fort around his house. He yelled at the mayor that his ex-wife started all of this and left the meeting. The remaining guests except one happen to also be neighbors to the person Jack is complaining about and had nothing but nice things to say about him.

- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 14, 2024 council minutes. Bruce Palmer 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. **WATER SYSTEM RELEASE OF RETAINAGE** – On March 8, 2024 the proper forms for requesting final payment for retainage to the contractor NNAC were submitted for approval by WA Department of Health in the amount of \$113,213.06. We will still have an invoice or two to pay from our engineering firm TD&H Engineering on the project.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **PROPERTY FOR SALE – Dead Issue** – The 3 lots by the City Shop were put up for sale last week. The owner already received a full price offer of \$25,000 and it was accepted. It would have been a good opportunity to have the lots by the shop for future use of

expanding the shop, storing equipment or possible placement of a well if we would have ever needed to replace one.

- B. **SPRING/SUMMER MEETINGS** – Beginning in April, council meetings go to once a month on the first Mondays of each month through August.

VII. **COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – None

**AL** - Did the old mill sell yet? No...he saw the sign was no longer posted.

**CLAUDIA** – None

**BRUCE** – None

**RANDY** – We need to stay up on junk vehicles – get Keith involved in this and garbage being a nuisance. We have household garbage in our Town Code to help us deal with that.

- VIII. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for March 2024. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #28940 - #28964 in the amount of \$15,110.02 for claims and \$8,480.70 for payroll totaling \$23,590.72 from March 06, 2024 through March 14, 2024. Claudia Louk 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.**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER**