

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
for
April 1, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Guest Shon Eck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Bill Auvil, Claudia Louk, and Bruce Palmer. Councilmen Al Evans and Randy Robinson were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Kris Johnson, Kim Anderson, Shon & Dee Eck, Pete Baljo, and Frank Sabo.

Kris & Kim – They wanted to discuss Old Mill Days plans with council members specifically where events will be held and what streets need to be temporary closed. This year they are changing the placing of the band and beer gardens. Moving them to Second Street by the park and bus garage. They are trying to add some new events. A map FOR Plan A and a map for Plan B were provided showing staging of the Old Mill Days scheduled events. Council discussed a few other options of where some events could be moved to minimize street closures for the day.

Pete – He had a suggestion of what we could do with a few of the old water meters that have been replaced – use the brass out of them to make a plaque for the Old Mill. He knows an artist that could make something really neat out of the old parts.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 18, 2024 council minutes. Bruce Palmer made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the report for April 2024 for Public Works – the snow plow blade on the truck has been repaired, we stopped discharging the lagoons on 03/28/24, the water tank was cleaned, replaced a water service line at 105 E Pearl, swept the streets, replaced the ECU on the backhoe and water meters were read after the five months winter break.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **WATER SUYSTEM RELEASE OF RETAINAGE – Paid –** National Native American Construction received payment of retainage in the amount of \$113,213.06 on March 21, 2024. The only invoices left on the water project is from our engineers, TD&H Engineering.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR MAINTENANCE NEEDED** – We may have someone interested in renting the business incubator and there are some items that need to be addressed before it could be occupied. The window screens are all rotten and need to be re-screened. The carpet is coming up in many areas. We are not sure if it could be stretched or if it needs to be replaced. One window does not close all the way due to the building settling. We would like to have Tom Foster come take a look at the office and see if he could fix some of these items. Council members would like to see an estimate before agreeing to the repairs.

IX. **COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

BRUCE – None

CLAUDIA – None

BILL – He has checked into renting some equipment through WSDOT for patching potholes and laying some patches down. We need a street plan for patching potholes as we have limited funds this year for street repair.

X. **TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for March 2024. Bruce Palmer made the motion to approve paid checks #28965 - #28991 in the amount of \$127,124.87 for claims and \$12,691.99 for payroll totaling \$139,816.86 from March 20, 2024 through April 1, 2024. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:32 p.m. Claudia Louk seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY DEGON, CLERK/TREASURER