

*Town of Oakesdale*  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*for*  
*November 4, 2024*

**\*\*PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 PRE-LIMINARY BUDGET – MAYOR DENNIS PALMER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7 P.M. BEFORE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE 2025 PRE-LIMINARY BUDGET. THE 2025 ESTIMATED BUDGET PRESENTED NOW INCLUDES BEGINNING AND ENDING BALANCES FOR ALL FUNDS. ALL FUNDS SHOW A BALANCED BUDGET WITH NO DEFICITS. BEING NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:04 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the council meeting to order at 7:05 following the Public Hearing. Councilman Bill Auvil 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, Kim Anderson and Frank Sabo
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 21, 2024 minutes. Claudia Louk made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Bruce Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper was not able to be in attendance of tonight’s meeting. He did submit his department’s report for October 2024. There were ten cases ranging from disorderly person, fraud, juvenile problem, domestic disputes, civil issue, welfare check, malicious mischief, threatening and medical.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Mary gave the report for Public Works – Current projects completed were loading the outdoor recycling container every 2 weeks, the generators at Well #4 and at the grinders at the lagoons have been serviced, final water meter read for winter, calibrated the flow meter at the lagoons for discharging, asphalt patches at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Williams; Front St; Washington St and Bartlett, patched road surface on Bartlett bridge approach, painted sheds a lagoons and trimmed trees on city right-of-way and on Steptoe. We are taking the Kohler First Response Generator up for scrap this Thursday. To replace the overhead framing on the front of the little gas station would costs around \$2,000. We have added this repair to the 2025 budget. We are getting all the snow plow equipment ready to go.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **2025 BUDGET** – We will continue to watch line-item expenses for 2024 that may need to be increased or decreased for the 2025 budget. We need the software service agreement from Springbrook yet. The notice on the funding application with the Public

Works Trust Fund for more improvements to our water system has not been received. We will have our final budget hearing in December before the budget will be adopted.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION** – Council members reviewed a copy of an email from Al Evans resigning his position on council immediately effective Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said it has been a great honor working for the Town’s people and with all the members of the Town Council. The vacancy will be posted in the December Town’s newsletter and on the website. We will except nominations until Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and interviews will be conducted at our December 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The new member appointed will be sworn into office on January 6, 2025.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**BILL** – None

**CLAUDIA** – None

**BRUCE** – He noticed a post in the outdoor recycling center had been hit and needs attention. It’s on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street side by the gates. This will be referred to Public Works.

**RANDY** – None

**X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed October 2024 Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #29252 - #29273 in the amount of \$9,389.26 for claims and \$10,406.35 for payroll totaling \$19,795.61 from October 23, 2024 through October 31, 2024. Bruce Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Auvil made the motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:18 p.m. Claudia Louk 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**