

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
September 21, 2009

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor R.W. Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor R.W. Rickett, Randy Robinson, Dennis Palmer, Tom Johnson, Al Evans and George Dewan. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Dick Brown, Public Works Director and Dan Brown, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None present
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed September 8, 2009 minutes, Dennis Palmer made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **PARKING ORDINANCE** – Council members discussed at length what type of parking regulations need to be added to our Municipal Code to accomplish the types of changes some of the Council members wanted. When it became obvious that a consensus could not be reached it was agreed to table this issue until a future date and assign Marshal Dan Brown the task of bringing the Council recommended changes that are enforceable and agreeable to the majority of the council.
- B. **SNOW PLOW BLADE** – ED-KA Manufacturing said they could put the blade we use for snow removal on the newer carriage frame from the original blade that came with the purchase of the truck. The current undercarriage is shot and there is not much left to weld to keep it operable. The original blade is made for highway snow removal and the blade we use works better for town streets. The estimated cost would be \$750 - \$1,000 for the needed work. Council member's consensus was to have the blade repaired.
- C. **FRIENDS FOR LIVING CHOICES (PROPERTY VALUE)** – The Town has invested a total of \$7,484.16 for Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 in Block 12. Council consensus was to offer Friends for Living Choices the property for that same amount. Council members ask that the purchase agreement includes the Town will remain title holders to the lots if the grant application is not approved.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT INFORMATION** – We received two emails from Debbie Pennick, Program Manager for Washington State Auditor's

Office regarding ways we can reduce our audit costs. The Town could consider moving from a two year audit cycle to a three year audit cycle. Local governments with less than \$2 million in annual revenues are not required by the State Auditor's Office to have a financial statement audit. Council members agreed to change our audit cycle to every three years and to not have the financial statement audit.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

GEORGE – He inquire about the medical coverage information presented at the last council meeting. Mary DeGon contacted AWC for benefit information. Group Health Plan I \$5 co-pay is no longer available. Group Health Plan II \$10 co-pay will be the best medical coverage offered from Group Health for 2010. The current plan our employees have, Asuris Northwest Health Plan A, will be terminated by 2012. The best medical coverage offered by Regence & Asuris after our plan is terminated is AWC Healthfirst which is the former PPO Plan. We are allowed as a company to choose one Regence & Asuris medical plan and one Group Health plan. Our employees have the right to then choose which plan works best for them. Our employees do not have to be on the same plan. Mary will have medical coverage cost comparisons for council review at the next meeting. George would like council's approval to do a water study on increasing water sales by adding another level of rates. Council members gave George the okay. George was asked by a citizen if the sewer rates would be reduced since the sewer loan has been paid off. We need to continue to build up our reserves for maintenance and possible upgrade of the lagoons.

AL – He asked if we have all the mounting brackets for the new mower deck for the New Holland. Dick Brown confirmed we have everything we need to finish mounting the mower.

TOM – He thanked Dan Brown for asking Wes Reed to move his trailer from the edge of McCoy Street. It's not a safety hazard where it is now.

DENNIS – He was asked by Dorothy Elkins to bring up dogs running loose at night. She is finding "surprises" in her yard in the morning.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed September 2009 Treasurer Report. George Dewan made the motion to approve paid checks #21333 through #21353 in the amount of \$22,277.89 for claims and \$6,340.01 for payroll totaling \$28,617.90 from September 11, 2009 through September 18, 2009. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

R.W. RICKETT, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer