

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
October 19, 2009

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor R.W. Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor R.W. Rickett, Dennis Palmer, Tom Johnson, Al Evans and George Dewan. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Dan Brown, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None present.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed October 5, 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** – Al Evans spoke on behalf of the task committee consisting of Dan Brown, George Dewan and himself who were to meet and redefine the RV Parking Ordinance before today’s meeting. They made some minor changes to the draft ordinance that was reviewed at the last meeting consisting of:
1. Change the allowed recreational vehicles limit from one to three.
 2. Added: If the property owner has more than three recreational vehicles the property owner must follow Oakesdale Town Ordinance 3.24.025 reference fencing or screening under Junk Vehicles to be in compliance with this ordinance.
 3. Removed the paragraph that contained living requirements.
 4. Defined approved surface: Recreational vehicles can be parked on an “improved surface” either next to the driveway or other location on the property. The definition of “improved surface” for this ordinance is a driving or parking surface constructed of concrete, asphalt, paving stones, crushed rock or other hard material. Grass is not an “improved surface” for this ordinance.
 5. Added: It is a violation to park on a public street.
- Council member’s consensus was to send the draft ordinance with the above changes to Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop. Mayor Rickett will consult with Stephen Bishop on the need to change our permitted zoning use to allow special provisions for living in a recreational vehicle – example: building a new house, contractors working on a project.

- B. EMPLOYEE MEDICAL COVERAGE OPTIONS** – Mayor Rickett submitted an Excel spreadsheet comparing three different medical plans and the cost for both employees. Mayor Rickett recommended to council members not to make any medical benefit changes for 2010. Council members concurred with the recommendation.
- C. BUSINESS INCUBATOR UPDATE** – Mayor Rickett is expected to do a walk through inspection tomorrow as the contractor has completed the project and is expected to be here this week to clean up. We have an attorney interested in renting the available space for his law firm’s business. He needs an office to use on evenings and weekends. Mayor Rickett will be meeting with him tomorrow to discuss possible arrangements.
- D. OUTDOOR RECYCLING AREA UPDATE** – The installation of the fence is suppose to begin tomorrow.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCE NO. 599 AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET** – Council members were given copies of the ordinance for their review. George Dewan made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 599 amending the 2009 budget. Dennis Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. George Dewan made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 599 amending the 2009 budget for the payment of the remaining balance of \$145,588.89 on the USDA Rural Development loan established in 1980 for water system improvements. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-306 TRANSFER OF FUNDS** – Mayor Rickett read Resolution No. 2009-306 to council members allowing transfer of monies within the budget and to discontinue unnecessary funds. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-306 showing fund transfers from Fund 405 & Fund 413 to Fund 406 and from Fund 413 to Fund 409 for payment of the remaining balance of the USDA Rural Development loan of \$145,588.89. Dennis Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. AMERICANWEST BANK CD DISTRIBUTION** – Council members received an explanation of breakdown of the matured CD at AmericanWest and how the invested monies needed to be distributed. We kept a \$200,000 CD with AmericanWest Bank with an interest rate of 1.74% for 12 months, a \$200,000 CD with State Bank Northwest with an interest rate of 1.80% and the remaining balance of the matured CD was placed in our Money Market with State Bank Northwest. We did make a transfer of \$170,000 from the Money Market account to checking to pay the balance of the USDA loan and other bills.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DENNIS – He inquired if ED-KA finished the work on the snow blade yet. We have not heard from them.

TOM – Nothing at this time.

AL – Nothing at this time.

GEORGE – Is there a need to purchase a welder, compressor and jack hammer? Mayor Rickett will budget to purchase a welder in 2010. Council discussed purchasing the other two items as used and Dennis will check on pricing.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for October 2009. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #21380 through #21408 in the amount of \$22,395.35 for claims and \$6,229.96 for payroll totaling \$28,625.31 from October 09, 2009 through October 16, 2009. Dennis Palmer seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT: George Dewan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

R.W. RICKETT, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer