

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
November 2, 2009

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor R.W. Rickett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor R.W. Rickett, George Dewan, Al Evans, Tom Johnson and Dennis Palmer. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Dick Brown, Public Works Director and Dan Brown, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed October 19, 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Town Marshal, Dan Brown, submitted a monthly report to council members from October 5, 2009 through November 2, 2009. The report listed 17 cases and 10 traffic stops with one infraction for no proof of liability insurance. The department has applied for a \$9,999 grant with Community, Trade and Economic Development. We are guaranteed to receive the money as long as the grant application is submitted. The grant will replace equipment the police department currently has or is in need of purchasing. The grant is a reimbursable grant so the Town would purchase the items first and submit the receipts for reimbursement. There is a possibility the grant may be available again in 2010.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** The truck is back from ED-KA and the snow blade they mounted looks good. Dick had a meeting last week with our certified sewer operator, Duane Groom and Pat McGuire from Department of Ecology. They inspected the lagoons and Pat had a few recommendations for us to follow-up on.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PARKING ORDINANCE** – We have submitted the draft ordinance to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, and he can not include the pictures showing the examples of RV vehicles and/or trailers that the ordinance refers to for examples. He will have to describe the said vehicles.
 - B. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR** – The contractor will be down this week to fix a scratch on the wall and vacuum the floors. We are waiting for the affidavit from the Department of Labor before we can issue final payment which is the remaining five percent. Our next step will be to advertise the space is available and ready to lease.

C. OUTDOOR RECYCLING – The fence has been installed around the outdoor recycling area and we need to get some gravel on the entrance and exit roads before we can allow citizens to begin using the site. Council discussion on whether to use a permit application like Palouse. It would require citizens to come to City Hall for an application before they could use the recycling area. We may have to keep the area locked and the key would be accessible at City Hall when the application was completed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ZONING CHANGES/OCCUPYING RV'S – Our present zoning regulations do not allow for living in recreational vehicles under any circumstances on private or public property. Mayor Rickett discussed a proposed ordinance change that would allow for living in a recreational vehicle on private property if the property owner or contractor has purchased a building permit to build a new home and provisions are made for water, electricity and sanitary disposal of waste. Mayor Rickett will bring an example of the discussed changes to the next meeting.

B. UTILITY TAX DISTRIBUTION – Mayor Rickett discussed the current utility tax revenue and where the tax money has been allocated since the ordinance was created. Garbage utility tax goes to the Current Expense Fund 001, telephone and electricity go to the Street Fund 101 and water and sewer go to the Water & Sewer Fund 401. Mayor Rickett proposed changing the current allocation to increase the street fund revenue. Council discussed proposed changes and requested more information before making a decision.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

GEORGE – Nothing at this time.

AL – Nothing at this time.

TOM – Nothing at this time.

DENNIS – He inquired about the balance on the Treasurer's report. The USDA loan has been paid in full, but the check has not cleared yet resulting in a higher adjusted balance rather than actual.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members received a Treasurer's Report, Inter-fund Transfer Register, Receipt Register and Check Register for October 2009. George Dewan made the motion to approve paid checks #21409 - #21433 in the amount of \$162,860.70 for claims and \$5,352.04 for payroll totaling \$168,212.74 from October 20, 2009 through October 30, 2009. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** George Dewan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

R.W. RICKETT, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer