

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
January 19, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Palmer, Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks, Tom Johnson, Al Evans and George Dewan. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Keith Cooper, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Darlene Rickett
- IV. **FRIENDS FOR LIVING CHOICES:** Darlene Rickett informed council members that they have acquired enough funds to purchase the lots needed to build an assisted living by anonymous donors. Darlene was asked if there is a need to purchase the lots now rather than wait for funding. She responded that there is advantages to move forward for more funding opportunities if they already own the property and their anonymous donors would like to see their donation used for the purpose they contributed. The council members would like to request to have first option to buy the property back in the agreement if the non-profit organization does not build the assisted living unit or should they disband. Tom Johnson made the motion to sell Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 in Block 12 in the amount of \$7,484.16 with the stipulation if the non-profit organization (Friends For Living Choices) does not build the assisted living unit or dispenses, the property would be purchased back from the city. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. The Town was asked to pay half the closing costs which could cost the Town about \$550. This was referred to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop. It was asked if FFLC could use the empty lot between City Hall and Crossett's for a fund raiser by selling pavers with donors names engraved. They want to begin selling the pavers at the all class reunion this July 2010. The pavers would be put as part of the landscape as donors purchased the pavers. Council members felt this was a great fund raising idea, however, not the appropriate place to put the pavers. The pavers need to be placed at the assisted living unit site.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed January 04, 2010 minutes, Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR** – We have received an email from a commercial real estate broker in San Francisco, California who has a client interested in renting office space that is

around 500 square feet. The broker was given all the information about the business incubator and the available office space for lease. The broker is asking for a monthly rental price. Council members are asking for a business plan before quoting a rental price. We will run an ad again in the Whitman County Gazette for another month advertising office space for lease as well as placing a sign in the front window for passing travelers on HWY 27.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-311 (Inter-local agreement with AWC RMSA)** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-311. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-311 approving the interlocal agreement with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Risk Management Service Agency (RMSA) and its members. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- B. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-312 (Public Hearing Notices)** – Tom Johnson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-312. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-312 establishing procedures for notifying the public of upcoming hearings and publishing agendas for forthcoming council meetings. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-313 (Water request for non-residential persons)** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-313. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-313 addressing charges to non-residential users for water and/or sewer. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- D. 2010 REQUEST FOR .09 FUNDING** – Council members discussed remodeling the other half of the business incubator project with .09 funding. The total funds available for 2010 is \$100,000. There is an informal workshop with the BRATC scheduled for February 9th at 7 p.m. in the County Commissioners’ Chambers. Applications are due to the County Commissioners’ Office by 5 p.m. on March 19th and the initial screening of applications will be completed by the BRATC on April 13th. Oral presentations to the BRATC will be on April 20th at 7 p.m. BRATC will recommend eligible projects to the County Commissioners by April 23rd and the final decision for awarding the funds will be May 3rd. Council members consensus was to apply for the funding.
- E. WA DOT CALL FOR BIDS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL** – We received an email from Kathleen Davis regarding the call for projects for Safe Routes to School program. The goals of the grants are to increase the number of children walking and biking to school where it is safe, and if it’s not safe, work to make it safer. Applications are due to WSDOT by May 3, 2010. Two projects have been discussed with our engineering

consultants, TD & H, consisting of a foot bridge at the end of Second Street crossing over the creek to the baseball field and adding sidewalks on First Street (HWY 27) from Bartlett to Williams. Council consensus was to apply for funding for both projects.

- F. CHIPPER/SHREDDER** – We received a notice from David Nails, Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division informing the Town that they have assumed the responsibility of scheduling and operating the Alternative To Burn chipping program for the towns of Whitman County effective January 1, 2010. The Department of Ecology will no longer fund this program. Whitman County has elected to keep this program with an interlocal agreement and fee schedule. The cost for this service is estimated at \$50 - \$55 an hour depending on the cost of the personnel available on the day the service is requested. The rate includes the chipper, county pickup to tow the chipper and one operator. Chipping services have been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday and Thursdays. We have received a call from the Mayor of Garfield inquiring if we might be interested in sharing the cost of purchasing a chipper/shredder between Oakesdale, Garfield and Palouse. The other two towns are predicting a cost of \$4,000 each to rent the chipper from Whitman County for 2010. Our town has budgeted \$1,200 for our first year of maintaining the outdoor recycling center. Council members discussed their options and Mayor Palmer will obtain more information on the costs of renting a chipper from other agencies.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

DENNIS – He would like to see a town work day before the all class reunion on July 3rd. We need to ask our citizens to put a list of five items they would like to see get done around town and ask the public for volunteers to help tidy up the town before the reunion. We did receive an email from MaryJane Butters that she is taking a hiatus in 2010 from her Farm Fair.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. - Did anybody hear those loud booms the other night? They were so loud that they shook his house and windows. Randy also heard the sounds and he thought they were sonic booms. There were other reports it was coming from a homeowner up on Rednour Street. This was referred to our Town Marshals.

AL – Nothing at this time.

GEORGE – He would like to see a memorial made between City Hall and Crossett’s. It would be nice to recognize those that have served our country in the military services and public servants such as police officers and firemen. He asked Tom Crooks for some assistance in creating a memorial garden in the empty lot.

- IX. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the treasurer's report for December 2010. The open period ends tomorrow and then 2010 beginning balances will be entered into the budget. George Dewan made the motion to approve paid checks #21540 - #21546, #21561 - #21563 in the amount of \$3,447.29 for claims and \$0 for payroll totaling \$3,447.29 for December 31, 2009. Also paid checks #21547 - #21560 in the amount of \$4,189.56 for claims and \$6,524.62 for payroll totaling \$10,714.08 from January 08, 2010 to January 15, 2010. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** George Dewan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer