

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
May 17, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Tom Crooks, Tom Johnson, Al Evans and George Dewan. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed May 3, 2010 minutes, Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR LEASE – REVIEW SUGGESTED CHANGES** – First Wind’s attorney returned the lease agreement with changes for council members to review. The requested changes were given to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, for his comments and concerns. Council members compared suggested changes from First Wind with Stephen’s comments. After much discussion, consensus of council members was to take our attorney’s advice with a few minor changes. Section 2 adds a forty five days notice should be received before the expiration of the lease for extending the term of the lease. Section 12 adds First Wind’s use and possession of the premises will be subject to disruptions caused by use of the siren and construction for completing phase II of the business incubator project.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **.09 FUNDING – BUSINESS INCUBATOR PHASE II** – We received the acknowledgement letter from the Whitman County Commissioners that they voted to accept the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Task Committee and our project was awarded \$27,604.12 to complete phase II of the Business Incubator. The Town has one year from the date of award to complete this project and request funding. Council members reviewed the contractor agreement and had one minor change. The completion date in the agreement showed August 1, 2009 instead of 2010. The date will be corrected and council members gave Mayor Palmer permission to sign the contractor agreement between Dan’s Custom Woodwork and the Town of Oakesdale.

VII. PLANNING: Tom Crooks gave a brief update on the status of the mini-parkway. Tom and Dick went up to Spokane last week and picked up the light. M & M Harrison came last week to install the wiring for the light and we are awaiting the electrical inspection. We have purchased the pavers and can anticipate delivery this week. The project is going to run a little over the \$4,000 spending cap and Tom asked council members if they would consider increasing the cap. Council members discussed how much more funds were needed and decided on a consensus to increase the spending cap to \$4,800. Al Evans suggested when the project is completed to consider having a fence at the back to discourage bicycles being ridden through the park. Al also would like to see some yellow caution tape used in the front and back of the lot to avoid anyone falling into the trench. Citizens have made several remarks to add a public restroom to this project. We could use our employees to build a unisex bathroom at the back of the lot. Council discussed the possibility of having a porta potty for temporary measures during the summer to alleviate a problem. Tom will check into the cost of having a porta potty for the summer. Council will consider adding the public restroom project to next year's budget.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

AL – He asked how it was working unlocking the outdoor recycling center on Saturdays. So far, so good to leaving the gates unlocked during the week 7 am – 4 pm and Saturdays from 9 am – 5 pm. Council members agreed to also open it up on Sundays. Al asked if the Town has received any information from Whitman County regarding the tire amnesty program. We have not received any information as of today. It is anticipated that the tire amnesty program will be in July.

GEORGE – He wanted to know where we are at fixing the roof on Well# 4. Mayor Palmer talked to previous employee, Keith Oney, and he stated sometime in the 1980's a hole was made in the roof to pull the pump for repairs. The roof is leaking around the door in the roof as the frame is sagging. We may be able to add some beams to reinforce the structure or we might have to replace the roof. We need to start fogging for mosquitoes soon as the insects were seen over the weekend. Mary will contact Tekoa and inform them we would like to start when the weather breaks again. George noted how much we are paying to HD Fowler for parts to fix water leaks. We need to start thinking about replacing some of our water mains versus continuing to patch the leaks. Council members discussed the issue but feel we are not in a financial position to pursue any improvements and we need to continue fixing the leaks.

DENNIS – He threw an idea out to council members about organizing a community clean up day. Council members thought that it should be more geared for some other organization to be involved in a community clean up day. He had a resident ask if the Town's backhoe could be used on private property to move a big pile of brush but council declined the request as the Town's machinery is not for private use.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May 2010. George Dewan made the motion to approve paid checks# 21733 - #21755 in the amount of \$6,220.53 for claims and \$6,622.69 for payroll totaling \$12,843.22 from May 7,

2010 through May 14, 2010. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** George Dewan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer