

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
June 21, 2010

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Palmer announced we moved the Steptoe Bridge project from number thirteen on the list to number one. Being no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. following the public hearing.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks, Tom Johnson and Al Evans. Councilman George Dewan was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks presented to council population pyramids from 1970, 1990 and 2000. He is still waiting for the 2010 census to be completed to receive the data for the 2010 pyramid. There is no population pyramid for 1980 as the US Census did not create pyramids for populations under 5,000.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed June 07, 2010 minutes, Randy Robinson 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. **RV ORDINANCE** – Council members did prefer the example RV ordinance from the City of Lewiston versus our draft ordinance. Council requested two minor changes before submitting the ordinance to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop.
 - B. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – We received an email from the City of Tekoa that the person who was studying to fog for mosquitoes did not pass his exam. He will be taking the exam again on July 2nd and they will know the results approximately one week later. Mayor Palmer has been in contact with Carl Blank from McGregor’s, at the Oakesdale Branch, to see if any of their employees have this type of license to fog for mosquitoes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-314** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-314 revising the Comprehensive Street Program for the first year of the ensuing six years for work to be done in 2011. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Crooks made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-314 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. TIRE AMNESTY** – Whitman County is once again having their tire amnesty day on Saturday, July 10th. We will be participating in the program and already have people registered for 156 tires. We will keep the registration open until July 1st to allow Dick time to schedule the delivery of the tires to the landfill. All tires will be recycled and used for various projects such as flood control, drainage for dairy farms and feed lots, retaining walls, boat docks and more.

VII. PLANNING:

Tom Crooks has received an invoice from M&M Harrison Electric for the electrical work done in the mini-parkway that totaled \$1448.02. This bill puts the project over the spending cap by approximately \$446. Tom had been talking to the company questioning the labor charges and we may see an adjustment. The pallets were returned to Mutual Materials for a refund of \$129.36. We will be seeding the grass this week. Randy Robinson made the motion to increase the spending cap for this project from \$4,800 to \$5,600. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom inquired if we needed a wrought iron fence in the front of the parkway. He has received a verbal quote from EDKA in the amount of \$2,000 installed. Council consensus was to wait and see if we really need a fence. Randy Robinson recognized Tom Crooks for taking the lead on this project and doing such a good job with it.

Randy Robinson addressed the amount of businesses we have lost in the past two years and if there is a way to slow the process down. Our community is aging and it is really hard to do something about the vacated buildings that we do not own. Council members discussed the reality of the situation and acknowledged we are not alone in this troubling economy.

Dave Hooks suggested a Public Development Authority to help obtain grant monies to purchase the empty buildings and restore them.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

AL – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – He thanked the Public Works department for trimming the weeds and grass in the ditches on 7th and McCoy. It looks so much better!

TOM C. – He is still kicking around the temporary public restroom idea for the mini parkway. There are public restrooms in the park that are open during the day. We need public restroom signs posted that will direct people to the park. There is an excess of mortar on the side of the City Hall building facing the mini-parkway that can be removed.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- IX. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for June 2010. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #21785-#21809 in the amount of \$11,832.86 for claims and \$4,250.11 for payroll totaling \$16,082.97 from June 11, 2010 through June 18, 2010. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer