

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:03 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:** Dave Hooks and Randy Noble, TD & H. Dave Hooks presented to council a population chart that showed a severe decline in population in 1990 by almost 100 people. We seem to be holding steady for the past ten years. We will know more once the 2010 census is completed. Dave asked council if he could be appointed Town Planner which would give him more access to the community for census data. Council members asked Dave about his educational background and experience in planning. Dave will email the Town his resume.
- IV. **RANDY NOBLE, TD & H – TIB APPLICATION:** Randy discussed funds available through the Transportation Improvement Board for sidewalk preservation and street rehab projects. We discussed having a sidewalk on the east side of HWY 27 from Bartlett to Williams; the sidewalk on Steptoe from Crossett's to Second Street and improving Steptoe Street from the bridge to city limits by the county shop. Applications are due by August 31st and TD & H will prepare the applications for us. The Town can earn an extra three points on the application scoring process if we adopt a resolution on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sustainability. We can obtain an example of the resolution through AWC. We will need to adopt this resolution by our next meeting. Since our population is under 500, there is no match on TIB funding.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed July 6, 2010 minutes, Al Evans asked to amend the minutes under Council Member's Business where he was referring to the dog complaint. He asked that a sentence be added to reflect the reason he did not submit the dog complaint form. Due to receiving the delayed form, he decided not to pursue charges. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the amended minutes. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Council members reviewed the report from the Town Marshals showing the police department's activity from June 2010. The report listed 18 cases varying from disputes, animal problems, theft and drugs. All of the \$10,000 ARRA Grant has been spent and the mandatory reporting has been completed to comply with the grant guidelines. Dangerous dogs are covered under Title 16 in the Revised Code of Washington and dogs at large are covered under the Town of Oakesdale Codes.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. RV ORDINANCE** – We are still waiting to receive the ordinance from our Town Attorney.
- B. MOSQUITO FOGGING** – We were informed the person who was suppose to take the test on July 2nd did not take the test. We are getting late into the season to fog for mosquitoes and Tekoa will try to do better next year by getting someone licensed to fog.
- C. 2011 LEVIES** – Mayor Palmer and former Mayor Rickett spent some time reviewing the budget and discussing amounts needed on the levies for the 2011 budget. It was decided the levies would remain the same amount as last year keeping \$20,000 for public safety and \$30,000 for street lights and maintenance. Council members discussed budget items and reviewed the 2nd quarter budget position.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-315:** Tom Johnson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-315 placing propositions on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-315 for a special levy tax of \$20,000 for public safety with an estimated \$1.32 per \$1,000 and a special levy tax of \$30,000 for street lights and street maintenance with an estimated \$1.97 per \$1,000 of 2010 assessed valuation. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- IX. PLANNING:** Council members discussed the possibilities of having a public restroom in the new courtyard. We may be able to design and build one ourselves cheaper than trying to purchase a prefab building. We need to consider replacing Dick Brown’s pickup that is getting close to 100,000 miles. Council considered purchasing a gently used pickup and keep Dick’s pickup as the spare while declaring the dodge pickup surplus and selling it. The next project will be to fix the roof on well #4. It was brought up if we were considering a 40 yard dumpster to dispose of the wood products in the outdoor recycling center instead of chipping. Mayor Palmer was going to order the container and stressed how much labor it would save us rather than having our employees run the chipper. Council discussed the cost effectiveness of both options and feel the dumpster is still to expensive at \$475 and we need to keep renting the chipper from Garfield. Council consensus was to continue chipping and we will re-evaluate in the fall to see if a dumpster might be needed then.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – He thought First Wind received a positive response from the open house last week.

AL – He would like to see a road caution sign at the top of Montana Street where it meets Roberts Road at the Y. He presented a copy of a dog complaint form that refers to RCW 16.08 Owner Notification of a Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dog. He had some suggested changes to the form he presented to the Mayor. He has noticed kids riding their bikes through the new courtyard or the kids are in there with no supervision and suggested moving a camera to monitor the courtyard.

GEORGE – It was noticed we graveled the city right of way on the corner of McCoy and Pearl and a property owner would like gravel on the city right of way at the end of Pearl where he parks his pickup. This was referred to Public Works Department.

MARY – We will be hosting an AWC RMSA training class, Claims 101, here at City Hall tomorrow from 9 am to noon in the council chambers.

XI. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for July 2010 and the Budget Position for the 2nd quarter of 2010. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #21839 - #21858 in the amount of \$8,735.21 for claims and \$4,152.63 for payroll totaling \$12,152.63 from July 09, 2010 through July 16, 2010. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. George Dewan seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer