

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
August 2, 2010

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, George Dewan, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney; Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Dan Brown, Town Marshal and Dick Brown, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed July 19, 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.**
- V. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Dick Brown reported they finished patching the streets last week. They may do some more this fall before Shamrock discontinues making the hot mix. The water meter at the school was sixty years old and was replaced. They used the chipper last week and the outdoor recycling center should have enough room for limbs for a good month. George Cotterill has been busy opening up culverts and cleaning ditches. The water leak at the corner of Bartlett and Washington has been fixed. The water leak at the Co-Ag main office was caused by a leaking backflow device and it has been repaired. They did have to cut a 4 ft. X 4 ft. hole in the sidewalk to repair the leak.
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** The last report not only had June's cases but include July's through the 21st. The police report listed four cases from July 22nd through August 2nd. Al Evans asked what the juvenile problem involved. Dan Brown informed council it was a problem in the park with two minors.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RV ORDINANCE** – Stephen Bishop has the ordinance completed and thought it had been emailed to us already. He will send it to Mary tomorrow. We will review the ordinance at the next meeting.
 - B. **WATER RELIEF REQUEST (NILES)** – Council members reviewed the water relief request from Ken and Penny Niles that confirms they have fixed the water leak that occurred at the end of May. The end cap was blown off the end of a stubbed out PVC pipe. The leak

happened on a second meter located on the Niles' property that is used to water their garden and grass. They do not pay a monthly minimum charge year round on this meter, but they are charged per gallon what they use. Their home has a separate meter. After much council discussion, council members were in consensus not to provide any relief due to the fact they do not pay a monthly minimum charge which saves them some money anyway. No council members present know why that meter is not charged for a minimum use like the rest of the Town's people. Mayor Palmer will ask Ken why this meter has been treated differently from the rest.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2010-316 (SUSTAINABILITY PLAN)** – Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop reviewed the resolution with council members and had some suggested changes. Stephen made changes to the last paragraph changing it to read, “NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Oakesdale hereby adopts the policy that, when allowed by the building code, building materials made from recycled and recyclable materials may be used in projects involving TIB funds.” Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-316 as amended by Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney. Tom Johnson seconded the motion. Al asked if this would apply to all building projects. It states in the fourth and fifth paragraphs this applies only to TIB funded projects. Randy Robinson called for question. All council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- B. MAYOR PRO-TEM** – The last time George Dewan was nominated for Mayor Pro-tem was six months ago at the February 16th council meeting and he is not interested in serving again. It is time to nominate another Mayor Pro-tem for the next six months. Randy Robinson nominated Al Evans. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Mary will contact both banks, AmericanWest and State Bank Northwest, to have the signature cards updated.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

AL – He would like to thank Dick Brown for installing the yield sign up at the Y at the top of Montana and Roberts Road. He brought up a few suggestions from Roger Hager that would fall under planning. If the town ever experienced a power outage that lasted several days, it would be a good idea to have a generator that could run one of the wells to keep providing water to the water tower. Roger has a big generator we could use if the well was wired to hook up a generator. A suggestion to use a porta potty in the park or by the Willow's recycling center.

GEORGE – Nothing at this time.

STEPHEN – He will get us the RV ordinance by tomorrow. He assumed is summer temp had already sent it to us.

DENNIS – He asked Stephen about the co-op mosquito fogging with Tekoa and how the insurance coverage works with five towns participating. It was noted that an inter-local agreement was not in place between Tekoa and Oakesdale. Stephen Bishop will look into it as he is also Tekoa's City Attorney. Dennis requested a meeting between all the mayors from the five towns to make sure we will be ready for the mosquito season in 2011. Tekoa's employee did not take his second attempt on July 2nd to obtain his license to fog for mosquitoes. It has been mentioned that we might need to find our own person to fog Oakesdale.

- X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for July 2010. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #21859 - #21878 in the amount of \$13,304.35 for claims and \$6,251.90 for payroll totaling \$19,556.25 from July 23, 2010 through July 30, 2010. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer