

**Town of Oakesdale**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**For**  
**September 20, 2010**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks, Tom Johnson, Al Evans and George Dewan. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Dick Brown, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Randy Noble, Principal Construction Manager from Thomas, Dean & Hoskins.
- IV. **RANDY NOBLE, TD & H:** Randy informed council members that our TIB application has been submitted and we should know by the end of November if our project will receive funding. TIB estimates a 70% increase in submitted applications this year. Randy and Mayor Palmer have had some discussions on improving our water system. We know the first step is updating our water system plan and that cost could run between \$40,000 - \$50,000. The last plan was updated in 1975. There may be some funding sources from Department of Health, State Revolving Fund, CDBG or USDA Rural Development for planning purposes. Randy will refer this to Steve Marsh who can look into what we may qualify for in available funds. We need to identify our water system deficiencies. Once the water system plan has been updated, then we can consider improving the water system and consider funding sources.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed September 7, 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**.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **PLANNING:**
  - A. **GARBAGE ORDINANCE** – Council members received a copy of a memo from the Town Marshal, Dan Brown, confirming he has addressed the code violations with Dawna Chappell and she has a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup> to address the problems. If she does not comply by the deadline, the next step will be to issue infractions for the code violations. Al Chidester has also received a notice regarding the code violations on his property and he has a deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>. He will also receive infractions for code violations if they are not corrected by the due date. Council members reviewed Oakesdale Code Sections 3.28.010 through 3.28.080 in regards to garbage. The code states clearly that garbage must be collected and can not be accumulated.

**B. NUISANCE ORDINANCES** – Council members reviewed Oakesdale Code Sections 3.24.010 through 3.24.040 Nuisances –Miscellaneous. Tom Crooks has talked to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, who suggested we need a fee list. Our Town Marshals agree that a fee list is needed when issuing infractions. Council members discussed the various complaints we have received over the past few weeks and what actions have been taken to address the issues.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**GEORGE** – He inquired when the last increase was imposed on water and sewer rates. The last rate increase for water was December 2002 from \$17 to \$22 and the sewer rate increase occurred in March 1990 from \$17.75 to \$25.00 for residential customers.

**AL** – He does not see the need to raise the basic water or sewer rate.

**TOM J.** – Nothing at this time.

**TOM C.** – Nothing at this time.

**RANDY** – Nothing at this time.

**DENNIS** – He will be attending a BIAS Budget Training Workshop with Mary tomorrow in Spokane. City Hall will be closed Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for the training.

**X. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for September 2010. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks# 21928 - #21952 in the amount of \$10,893.85 for claims and \$3,641.15 for payroll totaling \$14,535.00 from September 09, 2010 through September 17, 2010. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**ATTEST:**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**