

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 20, 2010

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2011 FINAL BUDGET – MAYOR DENNIS PALMER OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMENTS AT 7:00 P.M. BEING NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, THE HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:02 P.M.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Mark Storey, Whitman County Public Works Director; Greg Partch, Whitman County Commissioner and citizen Dave Hooks. Dave reminded council that today was the last day for the open comment period on the EIS for the wind project. Greg congratulated the Town on receiving funds from the Transportation Improvement Board. Greg brought his project rate book and showed the council that our project rated third in points. Greg serves on the TIB board with twenty other members.
- IV. **MARK STOREY, WHITMAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS:** Mark came to the meeting tonight to offer the Town some help in managing the federal funding we have received to replace the Steptoe Street Bridge. He is not aware of the Town having a history of working with federal funding in recent years. The consequences can be quite severe on an honest mistake which could result in being asked to return the funds. We have already experienced a few minor hiccups along the way in trying to select an engineer consultant. Mark is offering to be the lead agency for the Town of Oakesdale and assist in managing the federal funding. Julie Banks, who is a contracted administration employee, is exceedingly good with federal funding. We will not need a CA agent if we choose to have Whitman County be the lead agency. Mark informed council they need to be realistic in the time frame the bridge project can be completed and to expect completion in 2012. Al Evans made the motion to approve Whitman County to be the lead agent for the federal funding for the Steptoe Street Bridge Project. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, will compose a resolution showing Whitman County has been chosen to be the lead agent for

this project. We will need to contact WA Department of Transportation and federal funding on the decision. The resolution will be adopted at the next council meeting on January 3, 2011.

- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed December 6, 2010 minutes, Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **WATER SYSTEM PLAN** – Frank Triplett submitted an estimate via email to council members stating his time in reviewing all the files and retrieving the needed data will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 not to exceed \$4,000. He will do his best to keep the cost as low as possible and he will try to get the private contractor to give us a discount on his set up fees. Council consensus was to give Frank the approval to compose our Town’s small water systems plan in 2011.
- B. **SURPLUSSED SNOW PLOW BLADE** – Council members were informed the ad ran last week in the legal notices in the Whitman County Gazette and will do so again this week. Sealed bids must be received at City Hall by January 3, 2011 by 3:00 p.m. at which time the bids will be opened. Payment must be made in cash or certified bank check no later than January 7, 2011. The minimum bid is \$400.
- C. **STEPTOE STREET BRIDGE** – Mary will send an email reminding Stephen Bishop to have the resolution ready by the next council meeting.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 603 ADOPTING 2011 BUDGET** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 603. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 603 approving the 2011 budget. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 604 AMENDING 2010 BUDGET** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 604. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 604 amending the 2010 budget increasing Fund 001 Current Expense by \$23,684 and increasing Fund 101 Streets by \$5,483. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-319 AUTHORIZING EFT PAYMENTS** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2010-319. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-319 authorizing the issuance of checks before

approval by the Town Council and to include electronic fund transfers (EFT's). Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

AL – He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He has an issue for law enforcement to follow up on concerning Brian Berntgen racing up and down city streets. This was a concern from all council members as everyone has witnesses him speeding in City limits. This will be referred to our Town Marshals.

TOM J. – Merry Christmas

TOM C. – He reminded everyone about the next facility review meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2011 at the school. He expressed how important it is for this community to approve the updating of the school's infrastructure.

RANDY – We need to have our Town Marshals enforce the RV Ordinance that was passed this year as there are still RV's and boats on city right-of-ways.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2010. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #22067 - #22091 in the amount of \$6,239.75 for claims and \$6,173.42 for payroll totaling \$12,413.17 from December 9, 2010 through December 16, 2010. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer