

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
January 3, 2011

- 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; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Dick Brown, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks arrived at 7:12 p.m.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** After council members reviewed December 20, 2010 minutes, George Dewan made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper submitted the police department's monthly report for December 2010. There were (3) animal problems, (3) traffic offenses, (2) burglary, (1) attempted burglary, (1) missing person, (1) CPL and (1) fireworks complaint. There were five traffic stops with no tickets issued. The police department handled 109 cases in 2010 with 9 arrests.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** The department has been busy plowing snow and sanding streets. The cold weather has created a few minor problems that have been fixed. The oil tank for the furnace at the old fire station keeps freezing up in these really cold temperatures. The tank is located outside and when the heating fuel reaches the filter it gels up and the furnace can not fire. It was suggested to move the tank inside the old fire station. Mayor Palmer also commented on the poor condition of the two big roll up doors. They have many panels holding together with duct tape and we are losing a lot of heat through those doors. We need to consider replacing those two doors this summer.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **SURPLUS SNOW PLOW BLADE BIDS** – The advertisement ran for the past two weeks in the Whitman County Gazette and bids were accepted up until today by 3:00 p.m. We did not receive any bids. Council members discussed what they wanted to do next and it was a consensus to wait and advertise it at a later date.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-320** – Our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, spent most of his afternoon on the phone with Mark Storey, Whitman County Public Works Director and Dan Hendricks, WSDOT, regarding our position in the federal funding for the Steptoe Street Bridge. We will continue to be the lead agency and Whitman County will be our

CA agent and assist us in managing the federal funding. Our Town Attorney will be composing an inter-local agency agreement between the Town and Whitman County for said purpose. This will take at least two weeks to put together and then WSDOT will need to approve the agreement as well. The resolution was not created since the circumstances have changed.

- B. FDIC CHANGES** – State Bank Northwest have notified us that our Transaction Account Guarantee (TAG) Business NOW account will no longer be covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012. This temporary unlimited coverage is in addition to, and separate from, the coverage of at least \$250,000 available to depositors under the FDIC’s general deposit insurance rules. Council consensus was to move the funds from the TAG account to our checking account.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

GEORGE – He has noticed the condition of the brick on City Hall is deteriorating and we need to consider repairing it.

AL – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for December 2010. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #22092 - #22116 in the amount of \$5,506.12 for claims and \$7,685.53 for payroll totaling \$13,191.65 from December 22, 2010 through December 29, 2010 and approve EFT payment of \$526.00 to WA State Department of Revenue on 12/28/10 for excise taxes. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer