

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
March 7, 2011

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 were 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 February 22, 2011 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Dan Brown submitted a report to council showing his department's activity from February 1, 2011 through March 7, 2011. There were six cases logged ranging from citizen disputes, dog licenses, fraud, medical call and an unattended death. We are still waiting for a few more residents to purchase their dog tags for 2011. The tags were due by January 31, 2011. Residents will receive one more letter warning them to purchase the dog license(s) before we issue any citations. Council asked about junk vehicles being cleaned up. The information was put in the March issue of the Town's monthly newsletter. The Town Marshals have not pursued junk vehicles yet.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Dick Brown reported Well #5 is still operating in good condition. The snow equipment has not been put away yet. The oil tank for the furnace at the old fire station froze up again. Dick spent a Saturday afternoon trying to get it to work. We need to move the oil container inside the fire station to prevent the line from freezing.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PORT OF WHITMAN** – Pending
 - B. **INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT** – Pending
 - C. **BUSINESS INCUBATOR** – Mary DeGon talked to First Wind representatives offering them the other side of the business incubator for a conference room. The monthly rent proposed to First Wind was additional \$100 added to their current monthly lease of

\$500. They were going to have a staff meeting to discuss the opportunity and will get back to us in a few weeks.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

IX. **COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

GEORGE – He gave a brief update of what is happening in the fire department.

AL – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – This Friday, March 11th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Oakesdale School Cafeteria will be a spaghetti feed fund raiser for the non-profit organization, Friends for Living Choices. The group is trying to raise funds to help them make the steps needed to build an assisted living unit in Oakesdale. The Feeding Station from Tekoa is preparing the meal. Meal cost is by donation.

TOM C. – He asked if anyone noticed the 2010 census information in the Sunday edition of The Spokesman Review. A map displayed small towns in Eastern Washington getting smaller in population. Oakesdale was on the map but there was no data showing a percentage change in the chart.

X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for February 2011. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #22188 - #22205 in the amount of \$5,284.76 for claims and \$8,858.04 for payroll totaling \$14,142.80 from February 25, 2011 through March 03, 2011 and EFT payment on 02/28/11 in the amount of \$1,607.68 to Electronic Federal Tax Payment System for 941 employee taxes. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer