

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
January 3, 2012

- 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 Kelli Meserve. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Dick Brown, Public Works Director.
- III. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR KELLI MESERVE:** Council member Kelli Meserve was sworn in by Mayor Palmer.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 19, 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**.
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper submitted a department police report for December 2011. There were 11 cases ranging from juvenile problems, animal problems, sex offense, domestic dispute, theft and harassment. The Oakesdale Police Department handled 96 calls for service during 2011. In 2010, the police department handled 109 calls for service.
- VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** We had the water system inspected by the Department of Health on December 16th. Everything looked good and there were no corrections. Mayor Palmer complimented Dick on the cleanliness of the wells since Dick was hired as the Public Works Director. Al asked if the small water systems plan has been completed. Frank Triplett has it almost finished and it was used during the Department of Health's inspection.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **PROBLEM RENTAL PROPERTIES** – Pending – We have not heard back from our attorney.
- B. **DOG ORDINANCES** – Pending – Al Evans has not submitted the suggested changes to Mary so she can forward it to our attorney.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-329 – Council members received copies of Resolution No. 2012-329. Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 212-329 designating an official Town newspaper. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-329 designating the Whitman County Gazette as the official newspaper for the Town of Oakesdale. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – Nothing at this time.

AL – He would like to see Oakesdale made a destination next year during Christmas. He is suggesting we make a cool Christmas Tree design up the lighted hill to the school.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

Mary mentioned that Kelli would be attending a 2 day workshop in Spokane for Elected Officials Essentials Workshop on January 6th and 7th.

Denny is waiting for an agreement from Empire Disposal that will allow the Town to collect recyclable cardboard and mixed paper.

XI. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2011. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #22642 - #22671 in the amount of \$29,654.32 for claims and \$7,755.53 for payroll totaling \$37,409.85 AND EFT payment to WA State Dept of Revenue for \$596.68 for excise taxes and EFT payment to EFTPS for \$1,684.32 for employee payroll taxes from December 20, 2011 through December 30, 2011. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer