

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 21, 2012

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Kelli Meserve, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** James Orton – He wanted to know who was in charge of the digital reader board above the library. He was informed the school was responsible for the contents posted on the reader board.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 6, 2012 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PROBLEM RENTAL PROPERTIES** – Stephen Bishop talked about how marijuana really did not go anywhere in the legislative session and it will be an initiative on the ballot to legalize it in Washington State. The ordinance that council members had Stephen review will be ready by next meeting. Stephen reviewed a few areas of the ordinances in regards to the interim zoning for collective gardens and the collective garden land use permit. The Town will be required to hold a public hearing on the interim zoning within sixty days and such interim zoning shall be in effect for six months after the date of adoption. There was much council discussion, but council member's consensus was to go forward with an ordinance that would offer us official zoning controls regarding medical marijuana collective gardens for a period of six months.
 - B. **DOG ORDINANCES** – Council members reviewed current codes of dog ordinances and the suggested change submitted by Al Evans. Randy requested for a complaint to be submitted in writing as a change to Al's request. Council discussion led to believe our current dog ordinances are adequate enough which brought a consensus from all members except Al. Some members suggested we need to do more to enforce the dog codes.
 - C. **ENGINEERING FIRMS SOQ's** – Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson reviewed all twelve statements of qualifications and recommended to council that they choose TD&H as the primary engineer and JUB along with Taylor Engineering as the

secondary engineers. We are very satisfied with all the TIB work TD&H has done for us over the past several years and would encourage the other two engineering firms to help us try to find some funding for improving our water system. Tom Crooks made the motion to accept the recommendation. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Mary will contact the companies later this week informing them of council’s decision.

D. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION – Council members reviewed sample ads from neighboring communities that also had run help wanted ads for public works positions. Mary will submit the ad to run for two weeks in the Gazette beginning on March 1st and ending on March 8th. Applications and resumes will be due by March 15, 2012.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: None

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

KELLI – She asked if burning was still allowed this time of year. Outdoor burning of yard waste is still allowed.

AL – He would like to see council members consider purchasing a generator that could run one of our wells if we were to experience a power outage for an amount of considerable time. We have talked about this in the past and former Mayor, Russ Rickett, did obtain some electrical bids to have our wells wired for a generator. The quotes to have the wells wired ready for a generator was pricey.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

DENNIS – He thanked Mary for making posters for the museum meeting. They had at least ten people attend the meeting and showed interest in being members. The museum will begin to meet on a regular basis each month. The meetings will be the second Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for February 2012. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #22724 - #22739 in the amount of \$2,247.20 for claims and \$3,605.22 for payroll totaling \$5,852.42 from February 09, 2012 through February 15, 2012. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer