

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***March 5, 2012***

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Kellie Meserve, Al Evans, Tom Johnson and Tom Crooks. 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. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** James Orton
- IV. **TD&H: RANDY NOBLE:** Randy submitted a tentative project schedule for the Front Street Reconstruction Project:
- Begin engineering work – August 2012
  - Submit for TIB approval – March 2013
  - Advertise for Construction – April 2013
  - Open Bids/Award Contract – May 2013
  - Begin Construction – June 2013
  - Construction project time frame – 6 weeks

Randy also thanked council for selecting TD&H as our engineers for Town projects. They feel fortunate to continue the relationship between their firm and the Town. They have done approximately over \$1 million dollars worth of grant funded projects for us.

The USDA Rural Development Funding has money available for infrastructure improvements in the Yakima District. Applications must be submitted within two weeks and will only compete in the Yakima Region which requires immediate decision. Applications within one month will only compete at the statewide level. Applications after one month will compete nationally. The Town of Oakesdale is in the Yakima District and can apply for water system improvements, waste water improvements or infrastructure needs. We are not sure of the type of monies being offered. It could be grant monies, loans or a combination of both. There is no commitment required by the Town if we were to be chosen and it ended up being a loan. We can review the capital facilities plan and the small water systems plan to see what our needs are for the water system. Council consensus was to allow TD&H to submit an application for the Town of Oakesdale.

- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 21, 2012 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 monthly department report for February 2012. There were ten cases ranging from communication calls, civil issue, non injury accident and other agency calls. The police department will be sending letters to residents who have not licensed their dog(s) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Council members discussed the need for more reflective signs or something to make drivers aware of the stop sign at the intersection of HWY 27 & HWY 271. There were two incidents just this past weekend at that intersection.
- VII. **PUBLIC WORK REPORT:** Dick Brown reported Well #5 was shut down over the weekend due to electrical problems. Electricians were able to be here today and it appears the heater went bad and caused problems. The outdoor recycling center is getting full and we will need to chip by the end of this month.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 610 MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE GARDENS –** Council members received copies of the ordinance and were asked to read all twelve pages by the next council meeting.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES –** The Town received four invoices from Washington State Department of Transportation for the lease of railroad property owned by WSDOT. The invoices are for the past five years and totals \$6,006. The right-of-ways are for water and/or sewer lines that cross under the railroad tracks. In the future an annual invoice will be mailed to us. Council members received copies of the invoices as well as copies of the lease agreements. Our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, will be contacting WSDOT regarding original amounts of the leases and the increased amount they are now. Three out of the four leases can be increased with a thirty day notice. We have not received any notice at least in the past seven years that Mary has worked for the Town.
- X. **COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**
- KELLI, AL, TOM J. AND TOM C. –** Nothing at this time.

**XI. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for February 2012. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #22740 - #22757 in the amount of \$6,768.93 for claims and \$5,351.61 for payroll totaling \$12,120.54 from February 22, 2012 through March 1, 2012; AND EFT payment to WA DOR in the amount of \$486.21 for excise taxes and EFT payment to EFTPS in the amount of \$1,509.90 for employee 941 taxes. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**