

**Town of Oakesdale**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**For**  
**March 19, 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 was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Tim Bruya, VP/Loan Officer for Bank of Fairfield; Debbie Snell, Properties and Development Manager for Port of Whitman County; Tyler Dorsey; James and Sherry Orton.

Tim Bruya – The Oakesdale Branch for Bank of Fairfield continues to be a loan production office. The bank has applied with the FDIC and state regulators to be a full service bank. They have not heard any update from the FDIC on their application. The Oakesdale Branch offers fully collateral securities carrier services daily for deposits. No cash over the counter top available yet or safety deposit boxes. ATM service available twenty four hours a day. They do not want to step on the toes of our current services, but they can offer the same thing now too.

Tyler Dorsey – New resident to Oakesdale. He is renting a house from Stephen and Pat Eagan on McCoy Street.

James & Sherry Orton – Nothing at this time

- IV. **PORT OF WHITMAN – DEBBIE SNELL:** The Port of Whitman hopes to place a telecom building on city owned property directly adjacent to their fiber optic run. The obvious site is just north of the Willow’s Recycling Center. Debbie supplied overview maps of the location and a building permit for the portable 12 X 24 communications hut. The Port would prefer to purchase a small piece of land from the city for the hut and access to the hut. However, if the city would prefer to lease the property, that could be an option also. If the city has any alternate suggestions or locations the Port would gladly hear them out. Their only requirement is that the hut is located along the route of the fiber optic run. The hut will provide more broadband build-out opportunities within the city at a much lower cost. It will also be the prime stop for all telecomm service providers between Seattle, Spokane and Pullman. Council members discussed the request and came to a consensus to offer a lease of

Lot 9 of Block 1 by the Willow's Recycling Center. This will be referred to our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop.

- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed March 5, 2012 minutes. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 610 – MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE GARDENS** – Each council member was given the opportunity to voice their opinion on said ordinance. We would have to re-establish our planning commission to review the Comprehensive Plan and make findings on the facts and conclusions of law to support the interim zoning eventually leading to the establishment or operation of such use in locations or conditions that might later be restricted or prohibited in the zoning regulations. Council asked if two council members could serve on the Planning Commission and that question will be referred to our Town Attorney. Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 610. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Al Evans made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 610. Randy Robinson seconded the motion. Council members had a last minute discussion. Randy Robinson called for question, 3 council members voted yes, 1 council member voted no and 1 council member abstained from voting – **motion passed.**

**\*\* The following morning it was noted on page 11 Section 9 of Ordinance No. 610 - passage must be by majority plus one of the whole membership of the Council. Therefore, this Ordinance did NOT pass.**

- B. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OPEN POSITION** – We received a total of six applicants and we have interviews scheduled this week with the top four candidates. Mayor Palmer will have a decision made by Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The interview committee will consist of Mayor Palmer, Dick Brown and Mary DeGon.
- C. **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING** – Council members were given an update project total for capital improvements to our water system from TD&H Engineering totaling \$1,089,000. This is not the finally total as the application is under final review and two booster pumps have been added to the needed improvements.
- D. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES** – Our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, has contacted Department of Transportation regarding the railroad right-of-way leases and has explained to a DOT representative that we need all the crossings. We have no record of ever receiving the required thirty day notice to increase any of the three leases. The fourth lease shows it can not be increased. This information will be

passed on to the representative's superiors with a recommendation they adjust the current rent.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-330** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2013-330 to adopt the Whitman County Solid Waste Management Plan. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution no. 2013-330 adopting the 2012 countywide Solid Waste Management Plan. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. BIAS SOFTWARE CONVERSION 6 – COMPLETED** – Last Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> we did the full conversion to BIAS Version 6. Their tech support has scheduled various times to meet with Mary to review the changes to the various applications.

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

**KELLI, AL, TOM J., TOM C. AND RANDY** – Nothing at this time.

**DENNIS** – The Museum had a Bingo fund raiser yesterday and it went very well. Good community participation and all bingo prizes were donated.

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for March 2012. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #22758 - #22776 in the amount of \$3,242.05 for claims and \$6,907.12 for payroll totaling \$10,149.17 from March 08, 2012 through March 15, 2012. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Kelli made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Tom Crooks 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**