

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***May 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, Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks, Al Evans and Kelli Meserve. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Brady Stevens with Goodfellow Bros. Inc., Jack Fanning, George Dewan and Art Swannack, candidate for Whitman County Commissioner District #1.
- Art Swannack addressed council members for the reasons he is running for Whitman County Commissioner. He would like to straighten out some of the mess in the County like the budget. He is for open and honest government. We need to get everyone to get along in the Courthouse. The main focus to change is to encourage teamwork with county personnel and elected officials which would make government work better. He thanked council members for their time and gave out postcards with his campaign information.
- George Dewan arrived at the end of our meeting to inform council members the Fire Department no longer needs the Town's old white pumper truck. They will store the vehicle for now but eventually it will need to be moved. This will be added to the next meeting's agenda.
- Jack Fanning is on the agenda under New Business and he will address his formal notice then.
- IV. **BRADY STEVENS - GOODFELLOW BROS:** They are in charge of all the civil work for First Wind's project. They are putting in the roads and pads for the wind turbines. He was inquiring about using our water for dust control. He had been purchasing water from the Town of Rosalia before they raised their rates. According to Brady, Rosalia was \$4 per 1,000 gallons of water and now they are \$10 per 1,000 gallons. The Town of Oakesdale is also at that same rate. Council members were referred to Resolution No. 2010-313 for water furnished to commercial contractors from the Town's fire hydrants shall be charged at the rate of .01 cent per gallon on actual usage. We can not sell water any cheaper to contractors than we already sell to our paying customers. It was suggested he might find better luck with private wells with area farmers to keep his cost down.
- V. **ATLAS SAND & CONCRETE:** Not present

VI. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed May 7, 2012 minutes. Kelli Meserve made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES** – We have paid two out of the four invoices. The State made adjustments on two invoices honoring the original amounts of the leases.
- B. **PORT OF WHITMAN'S REQUEST** – Stephen Bishop thought he would have a lease put together in a few weeks.
- C. **FIRST WIND EXTENDED LEASE** – Stephen Bishop asked for copies of the original lease and the last extended lease. He will put something together by the next meeting.
- D. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – We are still waiting for an inter-local agreement from Tekoa. Once all involved parties have signed an inter-local agreement, then we will need to find a person to get certified to fog. Randy Robinson will look into what it takes to be certified for fogging mosquitoes.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **ORDINANCE NO. 610** – This ordinance replaces the previous Ordinance No. 610 that did not pass regarding marijuana collective gardens. Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 610 showing the zoning code shall not authorize any land use that violates State or Federal Law. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 610. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- B. **FORMAL NOTICE FROM JACK FANNING** – Jack submitted a written formal notice to the Mayor and Council Members in regards to neighbors burning after hours of the Town Code. He is running out of options how to handle his neighbor burning yard debris. He states that the neighbor's fire continues to smolder well past 4:00 p.m. His wife has health problems and it is her right to breathe clean air while sleeping. Our Town Marshal has addressed the neighbor for burning after hours. Jack states his phone calls and talking seem to do no good. He will spend his money to get an attorney to sue the Town. He also brought up the neighbor is scrapping an old motor home that should be declared a junk vehicle. He also came close to being bit by a neighbor dog. The dog was running along side the kids on bikes when he came at Jack. This will be referred to our Town Marshals and council members will make sure Jack's concerns are followed up by the Town Marshals.

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

**RANDY** – Nothing at this time.

**TOM C.** – Nothing at this time.

**AL** – The renters at 305 E Bartlett have four vehicles with expired tabs parked on city right-of-way. This will be referred to the Town Marshals.

**KELLI** – Nothing at this time.

**X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed May 2012 Treasurer's Report. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #22852 - #22873 in the amount of \$5,602.62 for claims and \$4,761.58 for payroll totaling \$10,364.20 from May 08, 2012 through May 17, 2012 AND EFT payment to WA DOR in the amount of \$456.50 for April 2012 excise taxes. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Randy Robinson 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**