

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
July 16, 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:** George Dewan at 7:20 p.m.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed July 2, 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.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES** – Two leases are still pending.
- B. **TOWN MARSHAL VACANCY** – Pending update from Keith Cooper.
- C. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – Pending inter-local agreement.
- D. **SURPLUS WHITE PUMPER TRUCK** – Mayor Palmer asked Fire Chief, George Dewan, to attend tonight’s meeting. He would like to see the Town work with the Fire Department to improve our rating with the WA Surveying and Rating Bureau. Council members discussed with George the possibility of needing to keep the old pumper truck as a backup pumper for the department. There is a potential need for a backup pumper truck if it can be maintained. George stated he tried using the vehicle this spring and could not get the valves to work. He feels the truck is obsolete to the current fleet. We need to contact the Surveying & Rating Bureau to confirm if we need a backup pumper truck for rating coverage or not. George pointed out we have added a water tender truck to the fleet which should also help our rating. George and Tom Crooks will contact the Bureau to obtain the needed information. This was tabled until the next meeting.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-332** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2012-332 for propositions 1 & 2 for the General Election Ballot. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.** Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-332 for Proposition No. 1 to levy a special tax of \$20,000 for public safety to fund law enforcement and fire protection and Proposition No. 2 to levy a special tax of \$30,000 for street work, street lights, street expenses and maintenance. Tom

Johnson seconded the motion. Council members discussed the needed funds for fire protection which costs the Town \$14,000 annually. The street lights are costing us \$20,000 annually and it takes about \$10,000 to purchase gravel and asphalt to maintain and patch the streets. Randy Robinson called for question, four council members voted yes and one council member voted no – **motion passed.**

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – She inquired about the HWY 27 overlay/chip seal project. We have not been given a time frame when they will finish paving the street through town.

AL – There is a recurring problem on east Bartlett Street with cars being parked on city right-of-way with expired tabs. He counted at least 8 to 9 cars being parked along Bartlett and another 10 or so in the yard of the residence at 305 E Bartlett. This will be referred to our Town Marshal.

TOM J. – He would like to give credit to our Public Works Department for how nice the Town looks.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – He gave thanks to Russ Rickett for covering the office while Mary was on vacation.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July 2012. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #22946 - #22960 in the amount of \$2,525.88 for claims and \$7,558.86 for payroll totaling \$10,084.74 from July 03, 2012 through July 16, 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 7:37 p.m. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer