

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
October 15, 2012

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:04.p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks and Kelli Meserve. Councilmen Tom Johnson and Al Evans were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks
- IV. **DAVE & PIA HOOKS – UPDATE ON THEIR PROJECT:** Dave was present to give council members a status update on his non-profit project, Oakesdale Coffee House. Dave presented council with employee cost estimates, provided services and institutions that could be served within the service area. Dave had a few questions for council in regards to payment in kind and what kind of model to use for charging for services of work. Dave is still in the process of completing his application for non-profit status and has not found any funding for the project.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed October 1, 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.**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASES** – Two leases remain pending adjustments.
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **RAILROAD CROSSING CONDITIONS** – The railroad crossing is so bad by the baseball field that our Public Works department had to close Williams Street last week until the crossing can be repaired. Mayor Palmer has made several calls to the Rosalia office leaving messages about the condition of the crossing. Tonight, the Mayor finally reached Frank Thomas on his cell phone to discuss the bad timbers of the crossing. They hope to have it repaired by tomorrow and they will also check the crossings on Steptoe Street. Randy Robinson had also talked to Frank about the crossings earlier today.
 - B. **2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET** – Mary DeGon reviewed with council members the first preliminary budget for 2013. Each fund was reviewed and all funds show to be in the black for 2013 considering if both special levies pass on the November General Election ballot. Bob Hooper and Mary have been budgeted for a two percent

cost of living increase. The medical benefits for our employees increased by six percent, dental benefits decreased one percent and there was no change to our vision benefits. Council members can expect to review the 2013 budget at every council meeting as the budget gets fine tuned. Our first budget hearing will be November 19th before the regular council meeting and the final budget hearing will be December 3rd before the regular council meeting. We should be ready to adopt the 2013 budget by December 3rd or December 17th being the latest.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – He reminded Mary to add to the Town newsletter the notice to residents to keep the streets clear of boats, recreational vehicles and extra motor vehicles during winter so we can keep the streets plowed.

DENNIS – The museum is moving forward in planning an Old Mill Days celebration and asked if the Town could help financially support the festivities. The Town is not allowed to use Town funds for parades or help to provide liability insurance for an event.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's report for October 2012. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #23067 - #23083 in the amount of \$13,454.39 for claims and \$6,694.97 for payroll totaling \$20,149.36 from October 04, 2012 through October 15, 2012. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

X. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson 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:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer