

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 4, 2013

- 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 were Keith Cooper, Town Marshal; Bob Hooper, Public Works Director and Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Larry Brown and Dolores Haley
- Larry Brown was representing the Oakesdale Masonic Lodge tonight and he wanted to approach council members on the possibility of renting the back portion of the business incubator for the Masons to have their meetings twice a month. The roof on their building went bad this summer and a substantial amount of money went into replacing the roof. Their insurance carrier declined the roof could be claimed through their insurance coverage. Then the insurance company had a construction company come into the Fraternal Hall and remove the walls and most of the ceiling to observe the damage to the inside of the hall caused by the roof. Once again they were denied insurance funds to repair the damage. Due to the condition of the hall, they have not been able to have actual meetings. They are requesting use of our business incubator's back room to have monthly meetings until they can determine what will happen with their building. Council consensus was to allow the Masons to use the back portion of the business incubator until they can make other arrangements with their building or until we rent the space out to a new business. Our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, will be notified of the request and ask for an agreement and suggested rent.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed January 22, 2013 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper reviewed the police department's activity for January 2013. It was a quiet month with only five cases ranging from threatening, domestic dispute, found property, warrant arrest and sex offense. He will be issuing dog license reminders next week to residents who did not purchase their dogs tags by the January 31st deadline. They will begin issuing tickets to those who have not purchased their dog tags next month.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORK REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported they have been busy with snow removal and sanding icy streets. We have a water leak that surfaced on east Bartlett and we have

Evergreen Rural Water coming to do leak detection this week. The furnace at the city shop needs repair and the extent of the repair is more than what the furnace is worth. The heat exchanger is failing and is cracked and once that happens, the fuel consumption increases with usage. Bob has submitted a copy of a quote by Shrode Heating & Cooling who maintains all our furnaces.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. FRONT STREET PROJECT** – Randy Noble from TD&H submitted a status report on the project that shows we are in a holding pattern until we hear from the Whitman County Commissioners regarding our request to confirm that Whitman County owns the 20’ strip that used to belong to the SPRR Co. We are asking them to quit claim deed it to the Town for our project. The design work remains on hold until the right-of-way issues are resolved.
- B. AGREEMENT FROM NOANET** – Stephen Bishop has contacted a representative from NoaNet about the landlord responsibilities in the agreement and discussed the concern of the contract with Kristie Kirkpatrick from Whitman County Library. He was informed a new agreement will be submitted that designates Whitman County Library to be responsible for any and all costs for replacement or repair of installed equipment and materials excluding normal wear, tear and usage of equipment and materials instead of the Town.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BUSINESS INCUBATOR INQUIRY** – Council members asked that Stephen Bishop assure us that there would be no conflict of renting the space to an organization rather than a new business. We are willing to help the Mason’s until they can determine what will happen with their building.
- B. CITY SHOP FURNACE** – Council members were given a proposal from Shrode Heating & Cooling to remove the existing furnace and replace with a new furnace. The old furnace is firing at a gallon per hour and the new one would be half that amount. Cost of replacing the furnace would be \$2,580 plus tax. Council members asked for the quote to be rephrased to include labor, installation and equipment in the narrative proposal just to confirm what we are getting for the cost.
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-336 WHITMAN CO HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2013-336. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-336 authorizing the adoption of the Whitman County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – Nothing at this time.

AL – He asked if we had an update from the Core of Engineers on the data they pulled together this past summer. They will use that data to create the revised flood map this summer. We have to notify Department of Ecology that we wish to have the flood map re-issued with the new data. Al also asked if we have received our Small Water System Plan from Frank Triplett yet and the answer is no.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – He had a few questions on two of the bills he was signing for – one being the annual AWC RMSA liability insurance bill and the other one is our annual membership to Evergreen Rural Water. Mary answered both of his questions.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for January 2013. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #23217 - #23235 in the amount of \$32,836.52 for claims and \$5,791.62 for payroll totaling \$38,628.14 from January 24, 2013 through January 31, 2013 AND EFT payment to EFTPS in the amount of \$1,761.48 for employee federal taxes. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

X. ADJOURNMENT: Tom Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer