

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
May 20, 2013

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Council members Kelli Meserve was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Layne Merritt with JUB Engineering and Dolores Haley
- IV. **LAYNE MERRITT, JUB:** Layne reviewed with council members the status of the bridge replacement project. WSDOT has approved the environmental checklist and the flood plain permit has been issued. JARPA is still pending but they have received good feedback. Their goal is to keep pushing forward on the project. They hope to go to bid the first week in June. There were concerns about the placement of the current water pipe along the bridge. The installation of the pilings could cause damage to the water line. Geotech recommended moving the project six more feet to the north to avoid the water line. Layne still encouraged our Public Works Director, Bob Hooper, to have a section of water line and supplies on hand just in case driving the pilings in causes any damages. The project is projected to start mid July and should take up to 70 days to complete. Council members had concern for the project being right in the middle of harvest. There will be a detour but we are not sure how well Bartlett will take the extra traffic and loads of grain being hauled across the street. We would not be surprised to see Bartlett have water leaks from the heavy traffic and asphalt damage. Council members asked if we could delay the project by a month to get past harvest. Layne will check in to their request.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed May 6, 2013 minutes. Al Evans 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. **LIBRARY BUILDING** – Brian Westmoreland, owner of Authentic Restoration, said he would come by and look at the loose brick on the library building. He was suppose to be here last week but never showed. Mary will contact him again to follow up on his intent to give us a quote.
 - B. **PROJECT UPDATES – Front Street & Steptoe Sidewalk** – Randy Noble submitted a status report on both projects:

Front Street

- Design work is nearing completion
- Retaining wall will be cast in place with concrete – retaining wall liner selected was #6 Old Ashlar Stone
- WSDOT did not approve the intersection layout as originally designed; TD&H will make changes and resubmit tomorrow (5/21)

Front Street Water Main Replacement

- The design of the waterline is complete
- Fire hydrants: Bob Hooper looked at the existing fire hydrants – they are Eclipse brand which are no longer made. We will allow the contractor to furnish a common brand that we regularly use – this will allow Oakesdale to periodically replace other hydrants throughout town with the same brand and size for ease of maintenance.
- Services to the three residences on McCoy will be tapped near the new fire hydrant at McCoy and new poly pipe will be installed and connected to the existing meters.
- Since the water main is an upgrade, TIB will not participate in the cost of installation of the 3 new fire hydrants required to meet code. Therefore, the funds split with TIB will be more like 60 % TIB/40% Oakesdale.
- Oakesdale's portion of the cost will be in the \$25,000 range.

Steptoe Sidewalk

- Design work is nearly complete
- We talked with Avista (Mark Gaines) regarding removal of two light poles – no problem for Avista.
- However, the other utility on the poles belongs to Frontier (telephone). Frontier will review to determine if the phone line can be re-routed – we are awaiting a response.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE – Council members received copies of the minutes dated 05/16/05 which referred to the rental property at 501 W Bartlett. Colleen Rose wanted some assurance from council that the Town would not act on the location of the trailer, as part of the home is located on 10 feet of city right-of-way. Council members gave their assurance the Town does not have a concern at this time. There was no conditional use permit issued in this situation. We will review the ordinance at the next meeting with our Town Attorney. Al Evans asked if we can make the nuisances a criminal act rather than civil.

B. ELECTION FILINGS – Hot off the press from the Whitman County Elections Department:

Mayor – Dennis Palmer and Al Evans

Council Position 4 – Randy Robinson

Council Position 5 – Tom Johnson

- C. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – Cory Doneen will be the fogging operator for Rosalia this year and wanted to know if we wanted him to do our town as well. Cory needs to have a public operator’s license before we can allow him to fog our town. He has a commercial pesticide license but we need the additional public operator license for liability purposes.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – He received a complaint about all the garbage in the city alley behind Lohman’s. The garbage belongs to a neighbor.

TOM C. – The bricks are getting loose on the old hotel building at the corner of Steptoe & Second Street. The owner is deceased and the property is all in limbo right now.

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

AL – The band was practicing their marching skills on HWY 27 (First St) causing cars to stop or go around the kids. Al called the school to report the unsafe practice and the band was moved on to our side streets. He feels there is an increase in crime in our community – windows being ajar – unreported crimes happening.

- IX. **TREASURER’S REPORT /APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for May 2013. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #23366 - #23378 in the amount of \$628.93 for claims and \$3,565.49 for payroll totaling \$4,194.42 from May 9, 2013 through May 15, 2013. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer