

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***June 17, 2013***

**\*\*PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 STIP – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing for the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Mary DeGon reviewed with council and the public the changes made from last year. Gail Parsons asked about the priorities of projects. He suggested moving the Steptoe Sidewalk projects closer to the top of the list. Being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:11 following the Public Hearing.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Kelli Meserve, Al Evans, Tom Johnson and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Randy Noble, TD&H, Dolores Haley and Gail Parsons.

Dolores – She wanted to remind council members to be present for Old Mill Days on July 20<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged them to come to the museum that day to enjoy some pie and coffee – her treat!

Gail – He asked council’s permission to use the old gas station during Old Mill Days to serve food. He noticed the windows need caulked and the trim needs to be repainted. He thinks he has a volunteer who may be interested in painting the old gas station for a school project. He asked council members to provide the materials needed to spruce up the old gas station by Old Mill Days. Council agreed to purchase the materials needed. Mary will contact the Town’s insurance agent to see what the museum needs to provide for insurance purposes.

- IV. **RANDY NOBLE, TD&H:** Randy gave council members a status report on this summer’s projects:

Front Street

Randy asked council members to approve Consultant Supplement Agreement No. 3 for additional right of way work that cost an extra \$1,200 which is reimbursable by TIB. Tom Johnson made the motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the supplement #3. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. The bid opening for the Front Street Project will be Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. Randy asked council members to allow Mayor Palmer to sign TIB’s authorization form for the lowest bid

for TIB's approval. Tom Johnson made the motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the authorization form for TIB's approval. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

Step toe Sidewalk – Bid opening will be this Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

Randy also touched base on the upcoming meeting with Department of Health for our small water systems plan. Mayor Palmer, Bob Hooper and Steve Marsh, TD&H, will meet on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. to discuss the plan and what is needed.

V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 3, 2013 minutes. Kelli Meserve 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** – Truitt Contracting has dropped his original bid of \$14,950 before tax to \$6,915. He stated he really needs a job for a week to keep his crew busy. He will not cap the brick or rent the lift for that price. Truitt is the only masonry on our small works roster. Al Evans made the motion to accept Truitt's second bid of \$6,915. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. We had three bids for a man lift and we will go with the lowest bid.
- B. **PROJECT UPDATES** – Randy Noble already covered Front Street and Steptoe sidewalk projects. JUB has gone to bid for the Steptoe Bridge Project and sealed bids will be opened on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- C. **CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE** – Council members discussed what changes they wanted to see on the chronic nuisance ordinance that would be more suitable for Oakesdale. Al Evans suggested changing the nuisance activities from seven to six within a twelve month period. Under penalties, it was suggested to change it from up to \$500 per day to \$100 per day. Mary will submit the suggested changes to Stephen Bishop.
- D. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – We have not heard back from Cory Doneen to see if he was going to obtain his Public Applicator's license.
- E. **PRE-CHARGING DIVERSION PROGRAM** – Council members were reminded to give their input to Whitman County's Prosecuting Attorney, Denis Tracy, on the consideration of implementing a new program called Pre-Charging Diversion Program. The program would be targeting first time offenders who are between the ages of 18 and 21 who commit the misdemeanor crimes of either Minor in Possession of alcohol or Minor in Possession of marijuana. He would like to hear our input on this proposed program by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**F. SURPLUS OLD PUMPER TRUCK** – Last August, council members declared our 1966 International Pumper Truck as a surplus with a minimum bid of \$3,000. We allowed the fire department to remove their equipment and supplies from the truck. It became too late in the season to let the truck sit outside for bidding. We are now ready to go to bid for the surplus vehicle. Council members decided to go to bid after July 20<sup>th</sup> so the old truck could be used in the Town’s celebration of Old Mill days.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RESOLUTION 2013-338 STIP** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution 2013-338 revising the Comprehensive Street Program for the first year of the ensuing six years for work to be done in 2014. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-338 for the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**KELLI** – She has received complaints and concerns about three wheelers and dirt bikes being ridden around town. This will be referred to our Town Marshals.

**AL** – He asked if we knew how the Café is coming along in its repairs. We have not noticed much happening over there. They seem to be trying to stack all the fallen brick on pallets from the back wall collapsing.

**TOM J.** – He did inquire at Whitman County about the old hotel property on Steptoe Avenue. Taxes are all up to date and being paid by a Kimberly Kershner. Her contact information was not valid.

**TOM C.** – He had a concerned Oakesdale area resident inquire about drug problems in town. She noticed the 4 X 8ft sign on east Bartlett that states “say no to drugs”. The few areas we have had some trouble unfortunately are residents with “medical marijuana” status.

**IX. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF PAID CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for June 2013. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #23394 - #23417 in the amount of \$23,878.53 for claims and \$6,778.44 for payroll totaling \$30,656.97 from June 5, 2013 through June 14, 2013. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

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**DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer**