

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***July 1, 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 and Tom Crooks. Councilman Randy Robinson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Randy Noble, TD&H
- IV. **RANDY NOBLE, TD&H:** Randy gave council members a project update:  
Front Street/Water Line/Steptoe Sidewalk
- Project awarded to Versatile Industries in the amount of \$515,351
  - Pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall
  - The notice to proceed will be issued on July 8<sup>th</sup> with work beginning July 10<sup>th</sup> and to be completed by September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Randy asked council members for a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the construction contract for all three projects. Tom Johnson made the motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the construction contract. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 17, 2013 minutes. Tom Crooks made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- VI. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Keith Cooper submitted the police department’s monthly report for June 2013. There were eight cases ranging from suspicious, domestic dispute, theft, harassment, warrant arrest and protection order violation.
- VII. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported they are keeping busy with mowing, spraying weeds and pruning shrubs.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **LIBRARY BUILDING** – Truitt may start on the library brick work on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **PROJECT UPDATES** – The bids will be opened next Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

C. **CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE** – Stephen Bishop was given the suggested changes to the ordinance that were made at our last council meeting. We are waiting for him to present the ordinance with the new changes.

D. **MOSQUITO FOGGING** – We have not heard back from Cory Doneen.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **2014 LEVIES** – Council members discussed what levies will be needed for the 2014 budget year. Council members decided to lower the safety levy from \$20,000 to \$14,000. The annual contract with the Town and Whitman County Fire District #10 is \$14,000 to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. The street levy will be increased from \$30,000 to \$36,000 to provide street lights, street work and street maintenance. Council members will adopt the Resolution at the next council meeting.

**X. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

**TOM C.** – Nothing at this time.

**TOM J.** – Nothing at this time.

**AL** – The renters at 305 E Bartlett have lined the street with more of their cars. Are we keeping a watch on that? It has been reported to the Town Marshals.

**KELLI** – She has had reports the outdoor recycling center has a bad odor coming from it. The compost is turned every so often to keep processing the waste to become compost. There will always be an odor in the summer time with the heat and the amount of yard waste we get to process.

**XI. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Check Register, Receipt Register for June 2013 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Position Report. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #23418 - #23440 in the amount of \$6,100.17 for claims and \$9,354.40 for payroll totaling \$15,454.57 from June 19, 2013 through June 28, 2013 AND EFT payments to:

- WA State Department of Revenue for \$477.13 for excise taxes
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System for \$2,175.58 for employee federal taxes
- WA State Department of Labor & Industries for \$1,121.32 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter premiums
- WA State of Employment Security Department for \$49.80 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter unemployment

Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Kelli Meserve made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tom Johnson 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**