

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
August 19, 2013

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Mayor Dennis Palmer, Council members Randy Robinson, Tom Crooks Tom Johnson and Kelli Meserve. Also present were Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney and Russ Rickett, filling in for Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer, who was on sick leave. Absent was Councilman Al Evans.
- III. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Randy Robinson moved and Tom Johnson seconded a motion to approve the August 5, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes. **Motion passed.**
- IV. **FRANK TRIPPLETT,** Oakesdale's contracted water certification person was on the Agenda but was absent so he will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT:** Mayor Palmer referred the Council to the Status Report provided by Randy Noble, Construction Administration Manager for TD&H Engineering regarding the status of the Front Street Reconstruction Project, Steptoe Sidewalk Replacement Project and Front Street Water Main Replacement which report is attached and made a part of these minutes. The Mayor also referred them to the Payment Estimate Summary for the Period Ending August 9, 2013 provided my Mr. Noble. Tom Johnson moved and Kelly Meserve seconded a motion to authorize Mayor Palmer to sign the Payment Estimate on behalf of the Town. **Motion Passed**
 - B. **MAINTENANCE OF WELLS:** The Council continued the discussion regarding the maintenance of wells #4 and #5 and the email from General Pump. The discussion focused on the maintenance estimates proved by General Pump. It was the consensus of the Council to have the Mayor contact other pump maintenance firms to provide other estimates.
 - C. **CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE:** Attorney Bishop did not have the ordinance prepared for the Council's review. The issue was tabled until the next Council meeting.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **POSSIBLE SEWER LEAK:** The construction crew mentioned a sewage smell that was coming from the area of the sewer pipe in the area under construction near the bottom of the grade on Front Street. Council discussed a couple possibilities including the possibility of an existing drain field from a residence not hooked to the

sewer. That possibility would be eliminated by the Clerk confirming that all residences in that area were hooked to the sewer. The other possibility might be a crushed sewer pipe. It was the consensus that if this could be a possibility it should be checked out before the asphalt was applied to the street. The consensus of the Council was to have the Mayor authorize a plumbing firm to inspect the pipe in question with a camera designed for such.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

TOM CROOKS: Tom reported meeting some folks in Couer d' Alene who, when they learned he was from Oakesdale, commented on how impressed they were with our little town. **RANDY, TOM JOHNSON AND KELLY** – Nothing at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: There was no Treasurer's Report nor any checks to be approved due to the illness of Clerk/Treasurer, Mary DeGon.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson moved and Tom Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Russ Rickett, Acting Clerk/Treasurer