

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
September 3, 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, Al Evans and Kelli Meserve. Also present was Russ Rickett, filling in for Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer, who was on sick leave.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** There were no guests in attendance.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Tom Johnson moved and Kelly Meserve seconded a motion to approve the August 19, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes.
Motion passed.
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** There was no one available to report on Town Marshall activities.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Public Works Director, Bob Hooper, reported that a new service line had been installed to the Larson home at the corner of First and Williams Street. A new water meter has been installed at the Ed Reed place. He has been testing water pressure at the fire hydrants and found pressures running between 60 to 90 psi. He has been available to assist the Front Street construction crew on issues relating to water.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE:** The Town's attorney has not yet furnished a copy of the proposed ordinance for review.
- B. **MAINTENANCE OF WELLS:** Mayer Palmer has not been able to find another pump maintenance firm to give the Town another quote on the maintenance of wells 4 & 5. The Council discussed the pump problems and as related to costs and decided to put more effort into finding some competitive firms to furnish quotes.
- C. **POSSIBLE SEWER LEAK:** Mayor Palmer reported that Samson Plumbing had used a camera in the section of pipe suspected of damage near the bottom of Front Street and found no damage. He presented a copy of a bill for \$517.44 for Council's information.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A: **OAKESDALE'S WHITE PUMPER TRUCK:** Mayor Palmer suggested that the Council reconsider its motion to declare and advertise the pumper truck as surplus and consider keeping it for the Town's use by removing the tank and installing a dump bed to replace the old Ford dump truck. Discussion revolved around the esthetic value of keeping it in its origin condition, keeping it in town for its sentimental value and the cost

of converting it into a replacement dump truck. Most of the council felt the old dump truck did not need replacement.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

KELLY MERSERVE: Asked what was going to be done about the void between the end of the sidewalk along Steptoe Street and the paving leading into Larry's Service. She was informed that the void would be filled with asphalt.

AL EVANS: Al was concerned that he was not notified and did not find out about Mary DeGon's medical problem until a week later. He felt that council members should be notified of this kind of thing. He was assured it would be done in the future. He reported that the foreman on the Steptoe Bridge Project was looking for a place to dispose of asphalt that was going to be removed for the approach to the bridge, either for land fill or to a recycling facility. He mentioned the slope of the graded earth that had been deposited on school property. We was concerned that the water runoff would flow back toward the school and run down Second St. He also mentioned that the outside light at the Town's shop was out.

RANDY ROBINSON: Randy also wanted to discuss the potential water runoff from the earth fill at the school. There had apparently been some talk of a later installation of gravel after the Town's construction projects are finished and possibly asphalt being installed at future date. It was discussed that the reason for the slope toward the school was to keep the water from eroding the steep bank if it flowed away from the school.

TOM JOHNSON and **TOM CROOKS** had nothing at this time.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS: Al Evans moved and Tom Johnson seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Approval of Checks. **Motion passed.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Al Evans moved and Randy Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Russ Rickett, Acting Clerk/Treasurer