

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 2, 2013

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 WATER RATE INCREASE – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Rates were discussed with the public and a possible five dollar increase per month per meter. Council discussed the current status of the water system and future contingencies. Councilman Randy Robinson explained how the rate increase would be used to fund the water system and water reserve accounts. Councilman Al Evans implied there should be no rate increase. There were good questions asked by guests. Being no other comments from the public the hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. following the Public Hearing.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Kelli Meserve, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present was Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Tom Zornes, Kathy Zornes, Joy Zornes and Dolores Haley

Dolores Haley – She cordially invites council members to a Christmas Dinner at the McCoy Valley Museum on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Zornes Family – They read in the Town’s newsletter that the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Game had submitted a request to Olympia for a kill permit to be issued on the pair of moose that have stayed in Oakesdale. They do not want to see the moose destroyed. Council members agreed they did not want to see that happen either, but we were not given a choice in the matter. Council encouraged Zornes to call Doug King with the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Game to voice their concerns and ask for the moose to be relocated instead.

- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed November 18, 2013 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Kelli Meserve seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** None

VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported the outdoor recycling center was cleaned up once again. Our equipment is ready for snow removal. Bob called Specialty Pump to schedule them to repair the well. He is waiting for a call back.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **MAINTENANCE OF WELLS** – Specialty Pump will hopefully be down next week to start working on repairing the well.

B. **2014 BUDGET** – There will be a final budget hearing before the next council meeting on December 16th. Mary talked to Gloria Bennett from TIB and we will need to carry over funds for both projects for retainage. She does not think the project will close by December 31, 2013. Mary will add those figures to the budget.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **WATER RATE INCREASE** – Randy Robinson made the motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

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

KELLI – Nothing at this time.

AL – Pro moose

TOM J. – Nothing at this time.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – We still have residents parking vehicles and RV vehicles on the edge of the paved streets and it will not be easy for our snow removal equipment to plow around them.

X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for November 2013. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #23661 - #23677 in the amount of \$191,010.21 for claims and \$6,077.70 for payroll totaling \$197,087.91 from November 21, 2013 through November 27, 2013 AND EFT payment to EFTPS in the amount of \$1,752.40 for employee federal taxes. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Tom Crooks, Councilman