

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
December 16, 2013

****PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2014 FINAL BUDGET AND 1% TAX INCREASE – Mayor Dennis Palmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mary DeGon review the changes to the budget since the last budget discussion. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer moved on to the 1% tax increase. The one percent increase from the previous year would total an additional \$436 in revenue for 2014. Being no comments from the public, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order following the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Council member Kelli Meserve was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer and Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dave Hooks, Dolores Haley and Steve Marsh with TD&H Engineering.
- IV. **STEVE MARSH, TD&H:** Steve wished council members a very Merry Christmas and thanked the Town for using TD&H as their engineering consultants. Steve presented a food gift basket to council members. Council members thanked TD&H for their years of service and all the projects that have been accomplished in our community.
- V. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 2, 2013 minutes. Al Evans 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. **MAINTENANCE OF WELLS** – Specialty Pump pulled the shaft and pump from the well last week. We have not heard from them this week on how the repair work is coming along. We continue to operate on one well.
 - B. **WATER RATE INCREASE** – Since an amount was not decided at the last meeting nor a motion made, the water rate increase will not happen until 2015. The 2014 budget is finalized and ready for adoption tonight and there are no more opportunities to make changes to the water/sewer fund.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. TIB APPLICATION** – Council members received a copy of a notification we received from TIB that our funding application to finish McCoy Street to the school was not selected for funding. Attached was a copy of the rating summary that showed how our application was scored.
- B. ORDINANCE NO. 616** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Ordinance No. 616 adopting the Town’s budget for 2014. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 616 passing the 2014 budget. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- C. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-341** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2013-341 for a 1% increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-341 increasing the regular property tax levy by one percent. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, 3 council members voted yes and 1 council member voted no – **motion passed**.
- D. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-342** – Al Evans made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2013-342 increasing the wages for the Clerk/Treasurer and Public Works Director in 2014. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Tom Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-342 increasing the wages for Mary DeGon and Bob Hooper by 2% in 2014. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:

RANDY – He asked our Town Attorney, Stephen Bishop, questions about citizens leaving parked cars, boats and RV’s along city right-of-ways for months at a time without moving them. Some of our streets are more narrow than others. Stephen helped Rosalia put an Ordinance together limiting the hours vehicles can be parked in front of other resident’s homes that belong to a neighbor. Council members asked for a copy of the Ordinance to review at our next meeting.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

TOM J. – There are some neighbors that have the same concerns that Randy does and he will report back to them what we have discussed tonight.

AL – He agrees that some of our streets are more narrow than others and maybe we can limit the parking on those streets. Stephen Bishop reminded council that city right-of-way is normally used for parking in these small communities.

- IX. TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2013. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #23678 - #23696 in the amount of \$3,793.80 for claims and \$6,595.40 for payroll totaling \$10,389.20 from December 9, 2013 through December 13, 2013. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- X. ADIJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer