

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***April 21, 2014***

- 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 was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dolores Haley and Eddy Zubiata
- Dolores Haley – She asked for an update on the progress of our flooding problems. We are waiting to hear back from Stillman Norton from Keller Associates on ideas to help prevent some of the flood damages and what will qualify for funding. Randy Robinson is making progress with WSDOT and we hope they will be able to help the flow of water at the south end of town.
- Eddy Zubiata – He is planning on starting a food cart that would serve pulled pork sandwiches, chips and soda. He would like to set up across from the pool this summer on the vacant cement slabs the Town owns. Mary will check with AWC RMSA for liability issues. Al Evans volunteered a spot for Eddy in front of his old gas station if it did not work to use the Town’s property. He is in the process of having a food cart built. He said he has already talked to the Department of Health and knows what he needs to operate a food cart.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed April 7, 2014 minutes. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. **WILLOW’S RECYCLING CENTER UPDATE** – Mayor Nan Konishi from Rosalia called last week and she said everything is still a go with having United Data Securities come down and take Rosalia’s recyclables for free and this company wants more business. She is trying to get them to also come to Oakesdale. We have attempted many calls to Paul at United Data Securities that have gone unreturned. There may be hope yet of having a recycling program again at the Willow’s.
- B. **FLOOD PLAIN – FEMA & CORPS OF ENGINEERS UPDATE** – Tracy Scwartz from the Corps of Engineers called last week to follow-up from a call left by Mayor Palmer. They are aware of the 90 day time line they were given from FEMA to respond to nine areas of concerns needing more data. They will send us an email

confirming they have responded to FEMA. This review process could go on for almost a year since each agency has 90 days to respond from one another.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. FEDERAL AUDIT – MAY** – The State Auditor’s Office called a week ago and they are looking to be here for the Federal Audit on the Steptoe Bridge and to do a two year annual audit during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. We are still waiting for all of JUB’s documentation on the bridge project. JUB had WSDOT review all the material and a few things were missing from the contractor. Layne Merritt is in the process of getting the needed information. When he has it he will call Denny to come by the office to get all of the documentation we will need for the audit.
- B. WATER LEAK PETITION** – Bob & Robin Adams are asking for another reprieve from council for another water leak that has gone undetected through winter. They had another water pipe break in the main line and they are in the process of replacing the whole system. Their water bill had an overage of \$38.86 of which they are asking for relief. Al Evans made the motion to approve the water relief for Bob & Robin Adams in the amount of \$38.86. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

**VII. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**KELLI** – Some citizens have pointed out to Kelli how empty our storefronts look on Steptoe Avenue. Is there a way for the Town to spruce them up? All the business spaces are privately owned and it would be challenging to get the legal owners of the empty building to do something. We could add more flower pots to the sidewalks but then there is more maintenance to keep them watered. Would the Town sponsor a yard of the month contest to encourage people to keep up on yard work? This would be a Chamber thing if we had one. Dolores Haley suggested asking the Museum to work on that.

**AL** – He was trolling around Town and noticed the mess on the Eagan rental property and wondered where our officers are at on enforcing the property to be cleaned up? Keith Cooper gave Pat Eagan another week for her evicted renters to clean it up but nothing happened during that week. He will follow-up with Pat and she will be looking at daily fines until the garbage gets cleaned up. He also noticed stacks and stacks of garbage bags at Jack Fanning’s house. Jack has told us those are his recyclables and he has no way of taking them to town. He has cleaned up his property considerably so let’s not push the issue. Al said maybe we can help some people out to get rid of their garbage. He also wondered what is being done about the nuisance house at 305 E Bartlett. The renters have been moving their belongings to Hunters, WA and are about 85% moved.

**TOM J.** – Bob Hooper is doing good work around Town.

**TOM C.** – He read the handout Denny gave council members to review last meeting about running your water system as a business. There is some very good information in that handout.

**VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for April 2014. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #23866 - #23880 in the amount of \$2,367.53 for claims and \$3,512.40 for payroll totaling \$5,879.93 from April 15, 2014 through April 17, 2014 AND EFT payment to WA State Department of Revenue in the amount of \$477.88 for excise taxes. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Tom Crooks 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**