

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
July 7, 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, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Keith Cooper, Town Marshal and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed June 16, 2014 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:** Keith Cooper reported only 2 cases for the month of June consisting of a false burglary report and suspicious activity (kids ringing doorbells at night). The occupants at 502 W Steptoe moved away last weekend. This will cut our calls down by half. Tom Johnson brought up a resident using a closed street on a portion of Rednour. In our Code Book Section 5.04.030 Street Closure – Whenever the conditions of any street or any part thereof in the Town is such that its use or continued use by vehicles will greatly damage such street, the Town Council is authorized to close such street to travel by all vehicles or to any class of vehicles, for such period as the Council may determine. It appears the Rednour hill was closed in 1924. Keith informed Tom this is a misdemeanor and a ticket for driving on a closed road can be issued. The resident feels the Town is blocking her from accessing her lower property on the hillside. If the resident is working on the lower property getting rid of debris or trimming and needs to load their truck with the debris there is no problem to allow access for that, but not for them to just drive up the hill in their jeep to their house.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported our summer help, Jeffrey DeGon, is back to work and things are starting to get caught up. They have been busy patching streets with the left over grinding from our Front Street project last year. Still mowing, spraying weeds and trimming. They fixed the sprinkler system at City Hall. We had a water leak over the weekend on Steptoe Street that kept them busy today. Frank Triplett is getting some supplies to help replace the old line so we won't have to dig across the street on Steptoe. Randy Robinson reminded Bob to call 811 before we dig. In the process of digging for the leak a phone cable was damaged.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. BRAD SULLIVAN'S CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST** – Brad has not submitted his application to the Town yet requesting a conditional use permit to have an apartment in the old grange building he recently purchased.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOMINATIONS** – Tom Crooks submitted five names for council members to approve to be on the Board of Adjustment. They consist of Diane Hinkins, Claudia Louk, Dick Brown, Mike Crossett and Jeffrey DeGon. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve all five members to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- B. FLOOD PLAIN UPDATE** – The Town received a copy of a letter from FEMA to Tracy Schwarz, US Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the revision of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) needing more data to complete their review. Tracy Schwarz and his team will have another 90 days to submit the needed data. Once that data is received by FEMA then they will have 90 days to review the requested data.
- C. 2015 SPECIAL LEVY AMOUNTS** – Council members reviewed a copy of 2014 Special Levy amounts of \$14,000 for public safety and \$36,000 for street lights, street expenses and maintenance. Tom Crooks asked for more clarity on the special levy amounts and what the funds are used for. The Resolution has to be into the County by August 5th to be placed on the General Election Ballot. Mary reviewed the funds with Tom using the Treasurer's Report to discuss fund balances. Council discussed other possible options but came to the conclusion to keep it the same for next year.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

KELLI – Someone suggested to Kelli that the Town needs to spray the weeds along the streets to help prevent further cracking. We have already tried that on some of the streets and found no results. We have also tried heating up the cracks to reseal them and that did not work either. We would need a crack sealing machine to try to patch the alligator cracking happening on the streets. It has been many years since our streets were chip sealed. They are in need of it again and hopefully some of our arterials can be funded by TIB.

AL – He would like to familiarize himself with the outdoor burn pit sizes. Mary gave Al a copy of this month's newsletter that talks about the burn ban and outdoor burn pits.

TOM J. – He has been asked about the financial status of the Town. He assured the person we are financial stable. This person was quoted as saying we were in trouble financially. This is not the case at all. There is a property at 605 W McCoy that has not been mowed this season. Keith Cooper already contacted the owner of the property and informed them it

must be mowed or they will receive a code violation. There are trailers and cars parked on along Town streets especially on McCoy Street. Our Town Marshals have addressed some of this already with the owners. Tom said fireworks should be allowed only on the 4th of July. Our Code states 3rd, 4th & 5th of July. Council members have discussed changes to the code but decided it was fine the way it reads.

TOM C. – Nothing at this time.

RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- X. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Receipt Register and Check Register for June 2014. Al Evans made the motion to approve paid checks #23956 - #23988 in the amount of \$8,233.52 for claims and \$12,942.64 for payroll totaling \$21,176.16 from June 18, 2014 through July 03, 2014. Tom Johnson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer