

***Town of Oakesdale***  
***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
***For***  
***January 5, 2015***

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Jake Dingman, Al Evans, Tom Johnson, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Bob Hooper, Public Works Director and Justin Derosier, Town Marshal.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chris Ellis is concerned about his neighbor, Donna Chappell, dogs. The two dogs are getting out more and more. The Blue Heeler dog growls, barks and lunges at them. The dog is very aggressive but has not bit them yet. It has attacked their dog on their property. Chris was given a dog complaint form and asked to fill out the form and return it to our Town Marshal so he can follow up on the complaint.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed December 15, 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. **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Justin Derosier gave council members the police report for December 2014. There were seven cases ranging from runaway juvenile, animal noise, juvenile problem, theft and harassment. Three cases were handled by the County involving drugs, DARE program and theft (search warrant) with the assistance of our Marshals. Al Evans asked Justin if he has seen more drug activity in the County since marijuana became legal. He has seen an increase in underage use and drug related DUI's.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORK'S REPORT:** Bob Hooper reported Well #4 has been fixed and it is up and running again. He has been working on the Tiger mower replacing broken and missing parts. He continues to sand and plow streets between storms.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **WELL #4** – The well is working great! We are still waiting for the bill so we can apply it to the 2014 budget. We have until January 20<sup>th</sup> to pay the bill in the open period month.
  - B. **WSDOT RIGHT-OF-WAY BY LAGOONS** – We will deal with the canary grass when the weather improves. The Tiger mower will be good to go by then.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-349** – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2015-349 designating a Town’s newspaper for 2015. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-349 designation the Whitman County Gazette as the Town’s official newspaper for 2015. Jake Dingman seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.
- B. MAYOR PRO-TEM** – It is time to select a Mayor Pro-tem for the next six months. Al Evans is our current Mayor Pro-tem. Council consensus was to allow Al to serve another six months. Al agreed to continue if nobody else wanted to give it a shot.

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS:**

**RANDY, TOM C. AND TOM J.** – Nothing at this time.

**AL** – He asked if we have heard any new information on Brett Hanks moving out of town? No new information has surfaced lately.

**JAKE** – The greenhouse has been built on the old tennis court area. School is back in session beginning at 10 a.m. School was two hours late start due to road conditions.

- X. TREASURER’S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Check Register and Receipt Register for December 2014. Tom Johnson made the motion to approve paid checks #24206 - #24235 in the amount of \$14,204.98 for claims and \$8,749.70 for payroll totaling \$22,954.68 from December 18, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Jake Dingman seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Jake Dingman 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**