

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 2, 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, Randy Robinson, Al Evans and Tom Crooks. Councilman Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Also present were Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer; Stephen Bishop, Town Attorney and Bob Hooper, Public Works Director.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dolores Haley and Nannette Bolyard
- Nannette asked council members if they would consider renting the old gas station for use as a barber shop. There is no water or sewer to the old gas station. Council had a discussion on other possible locations for a barber shop. Nannette would only be open one day a week as a barber. She will continue her full time position with the Whitman County Sheriff's Office.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Members reviewed January 20, 2015 minutes. Jake Dingman 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:** Officer Keith Cooper could not be present at our meeting tonight. He did submit a department report for January 2015. There were eight cases ranging from civil, theft, fraud, suicide attempt and drugs. They will be focusing on individuals who have not licensed their dogs. Dog tags were due by January 31st.
- VI. **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Bob has been working on the Tiger replacing bearings, rollers and the starter switch. Bob reviewed tire estimates from two companies to replace all four tires on the Tiger mower. The bids were in the \$2,500 range. Al will check with a friend who sells tires for better rates. If Al can't find cheaper prices then we will go with Les Schwab.
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **TOWN ATTORNEY RETAINER AGREEMENT** – Stephen Bishop submitted a retainer agreement for council members to review. Stephen has noticed some of the towns that he is attorney for do not have an agreement on file or it is very outdated. The towns that have been through their state audits recently were asked by the auditors for proof of an agreement. Jake Dingman made the motion to allow Mayor Dennis Palmer to sign the retainer agreement between the Town and Bishop Law

Office. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

B. 2014 BUDGET TOTALS – Mary reviewed with council members the final numbers for the 2014 Budget. Current Expense Fund 101 had \$116,994.33 budgeted for expenditures and only used \$106,126.19 leaving the fund in the black by \$10,868.14. Street Fund 101 had \$189,281.78 budgeted for expenses and only used \$185,626.79 leaving the fund in the black by \$3,654.99. Water/Sewer Operating Fund 401 had \$195,383.28 budgeted for expenses and used \$191,973.66 leaving the fund in the black by \$3,408.62.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:

JAKE – The greenhouse has been wired and waiting for Avista to connect it next week.

AL, TOM C. AND 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 January 2015. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid check #24267 in the amount of \$296.15 for claims for December 31, 2014 AND approve paid checks #24268 - #24278 in the amount of \$2,549.37 for claims and \$3,161.72 for payroll totaling \$5,711.09 from January 22, 2015 through January 30, 2015. Jake Dingman seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Randy Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Jake Dingman seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mary DeGon , Clerk/Treasurer