

Town of Oakesdale
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
For
February 17, 2015

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dennis Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Dennis Palmer, Al Evans, Tom Crooks and Randy Robinson. Councilmen Tom Johnson and Jake Dingman were not in attendance. Also present was Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer.
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Dolores Haley and Ray Oneal & Jeff Filkins with Camas Prairie and Palouse Versatile.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Council members reviewed February 2, 2015 minutes. Al Evans made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed.**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CAMAS PRAIRIE & PALOUSE VERSATILE – Ray Oneal and Jeff Filkins expressed interest in purchasing the eight lots the Town owns on the corner of Bartlett & Second Street for the intent of opening an implement dealership. Ray currently operates his business in Lapwai, Idaho and is looking to open a few more stores. They would like to have one of the new branches to be located in Oakesdale. The location is perfect for being the hub of the Palouse, access to rail, and HWY 27 going through town. It was noted that Oakesdale is truly a farming community. They also would like council members to consider the surplus of Lots 22, 23 & 24 in Block 21 on the corner of HWY 27 by Larry’s Service Station. They could use the extra lots for equipment. Council members showed their support for the economic growth. Ray and Jeff will meet with the Mayor on Saturday to look around town for other options for space for the equipment.

B. COUNCIL POSITIONS FOR FALL ELECTION – Council members received a copy of notice from the Whitman County Auditor that showed what positions will be up for election this fall:

Council Position #1 – Al Evans
Council Position #2 – Jake Dingman
Council Position #3 – Tom Crooks

Candidates need to file in person during May 11th – May 15th.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-350 – Randy Robinson made the motion to dispense with the reading of Resolution No. 2015-350 declaring certain real estate surplus to the needs of the

Town. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Al Evans made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-350 declaring Lots 13 – 20 Block 12 surplus. Randy Robinson seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Randy Robinson made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss real estate matters for the Town at 8:10 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**. Randy Robinson made the motion to exit Executive Session and resume the council meeting at 8:25 p.m. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

Randy Robinson made the motion to surplus Lots 22 -24 in Block 21. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- VIII. **COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**

DENNIS – He had a nice visit with our retired engineer, Randy Noble. The back tires for the Tiger mower have been ordered from Your Next Tire in Firth, NE and it saved us about a \$1,000. They should be delivered next week.

AL – He is excited about the prospect of a new business coming to our town. He needs to report to the Town Marshal that a window was broke out of the back of his Richfield gas station.

TOM C. & RANDY – Nothing at this time.

- IX. **TREASURER'S REPORT/APPROVAL OF CHECKS:** Council members reviewed February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Randy Robinson made the motion to approve paid checks #24279 - #24294 in the amount of \$3,926.21 for claims and \$9,854.20 for payroll totaling \$13,780.41 from January 31, 2015 through February 13, 2015. Al Evans seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Evans made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Tom Crooks seconded the motion, all council members voted yes – **motion passed**.

ATTEST:

DENNIS PALMER, MAYOR

Mary DeGon, Clerk/Treasurer