

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 06/10/14
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Dwight Filer
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: Clint Estes
 John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Filer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Gary Logan, owner of Logan’s Steak House at 123 N. Glover Street complained to the Council that the Art Walk held on June 7th cost his business a large percentage of revenue. The Town Council had given permission to block off all of Glover Street from north to south and Mr. Logan stated that blocking off travel on Glover Street eliminated parking outside his business which is used by his customers with disabilities. He asked that the Council not block N. Glover Street from travel and parking for future events.

Bill Bates, owner of the Branding Iron Bar at 127 N. Glover Street also complained to the Council that the Art Walk cost his business a large percentage of revenue the night of June 7th. He stated that blocking the street off from E. 2nd Avenue down S. Glover Street should have been adequate for this event, as it had been in previous years

Mark Edson of 321 Bigelow Street complimented public works’ (Dan Ayers) for his professionalism in coming in on a week-end to help Mr. Edson with a sewer problem.

Mr. Edson also commented that after observing some activity in his neighborhood, he believes all new construction should be required to tie into the Town’s sewer system and to not allow small islands of septic systems to exist within town.

Mr. Edson had attended the May 27th council meeting and complained about the large number of ground hogs on Industrial Park Avenue, where his business, Methow Valley Industrial is located. He had asked the Council for a solution to the over-population of ground hogs. He stated that since he had been reported in the paper for his comments, he and his wife have been approached by several citizens stating their defense of the ground hogs. He is appearing before council to let everyone know that he is doing “alright”

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she is glad to hear he is going fine and that a solution to the ground hog problem is still a work in progress.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she and Superintendent Moss had conducted interviews for the pool manager position. They have hired Ashley Pennock as the 2014 pool manager. Ashley had been a life guard at the pool for four years. Her additional duties will hopefully ensure that the staff and facility will be functioning better than last year.
- She reported that all municipalities and the county in Okanogan County have passed resolutions expressing their intent to be part of the Okanogan County Council of Governments. The Council, after initial formation will take the place of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization that the Okanogan County entities originally had belonged to for transportation planning and funding. Washington State Department of Transportation will assist with the structuring of the Council in the amount of \$28,000 for the next two years which would have been applied to the Okanogan County entities participation in RTPO.
- She reported that Senator Parlette has asked her to join a blue ribbon task force stakeholders group to review Park and Recreation for Washington State. She had also given Senator Parlette the name of Kevin Van Bueren to join the stakeholder's discussion in representing the Methow Valley.
- She reported that she has been nominated to join a US Forest Service advisory board to represent our region. The nomination is still in the approval stage at the Federal level. She is prepared to accept the nomination for the Reserve Advisory Committee; the first meeting is set to be in July.
- She reported that June 26th is the annual Twisp Chamber of Commerce "Twisp Park" luncheon. She and Town staff will report on the state of the Town. Business owners are encouraged to attend.

Staff Reports

Written staff reports were submitted and placed in the Council packets for review. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by the Department Heads.

Superintendent Moss

Superintendent Moss stated that the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Lincoln Street reconstruction project that will take place this summer will include sidewalks from East Twisp Avenue to the handicapped parking area at the Twisp Park on the west side and to the pool on the east side of North Lincoln Street.

He reported that the way-finding signs for guiding folks to downtown Twisp from Highway 20 for lodging, dining, police department, library and park will be delivered soon.

He explained that the Easterly reservoir altitude valve failed and discharged a large volume of water into a large underground dry well located near Well #4. The reservoir was improperly designed and a telemetry system will need to be put in place to control the overflowing issue. He has implemented an increased inspection program in order to prevent it from occurring in the future.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Filer – Liaison to the Okanogan County Transportation Authority

- He reported that the interview committee will be reducing the number of candidates from 6 to 3 and will be setting up interviews thereafter.
- He reported that Methow Valley residents Jim Brennan and Susie Gallagher as citizen volunteers have been invaluable in assisting the Authority with their individual expertise.

Council Member Day – Liaison to Planning Commission

- She reported that she presented the Town's application for a Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) grant to a RCO application review committee in Olympia. She was given advice on how to strengthen the power point presentation. A final presentation will be given in August.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Methow Valley Irrigation District Wells

Justin Nielsen of the Bureau of Reclamation and Torre Stockard of Van Hess LLC presented the newest plan for the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) production well on the Schulz property behind Hank's Market. This system would supply irrigation water for some MVID west canal district members. Instead of one well and a large 60 horse motor pump, the new irrigation water production design would be up to 4 smaller wells spaced 25' apart. The wells will be interconnected, which would allow for only one pump to be run during low demand or as many as all 4 pumps to operate during hours of peak demand. The same amount of water would be drawn as one large well.

According to Nielsen and Stockard the Methow Valley Irrigation District Directors are asking the Council for authorization to drill the production wells. When the irrigation season is over and if the Council allows, the MVID Instream Flow Improvement Project would start with the drilling of the wells. With approval of the Twisp Council, there would still be permits to be acquired before the project could start.

Council Member Lloyd asked if the wells and shed would be fenced for security purposes and Mr. Nielsen stated that the request would be noted.

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that this item of business was a discussion item and if the Council had any more questions about this issue, to please submit them to Clerk Moriarty prior to the next meeting when the Council would be able to discuss the matter further.

Resolution #14-540 – Older Americans Proclamation

Mayor Ing-Moody and the Twisp Council celebrated Older Americans month with an Older Americans Proclamation as they recognized Older Americans contributions to our community.

Motion:

The motion was made by Council Member Filer to approve Resolution #14-540 – Older Americans Proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Re-Appointment of Two Airport Advisory Board Members – Don Owens and Mike Port

Airport Advisory Board Member Don Owens’ term of office for the airport advisory board expired 12/31/12 and Mike Port’s term expired 12/31/13. They both agreed to serve another term of three years. Mr. Owens new term will end 12/31/15 and Mr. Port’s new term will end 12/31/16.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to approve the re-appointment of Don Owens and Mike Port to the Airport Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Town Council. The following voucher/checks are approved for payment by a majority vote on this 10th day of June, 2014.

Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans # 1042	\$500.00	05/28/14
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 1087-1089	\$2,341.51	06/01/14
Payroll	#13760-13779		06/03/14
	EFTs Trans # 1080-1084	\$46,864.22	
Accounts Payable	# 30721-30756	\$28,015.25	06/10/14

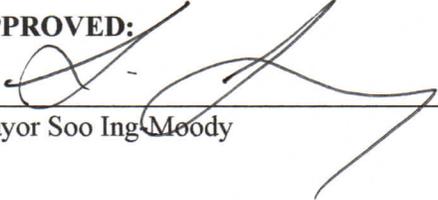
Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

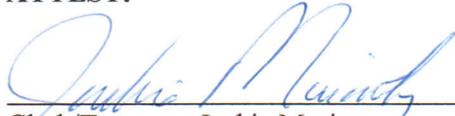
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty