

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 06/12/2018

Mayor Ing - Moody called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members present: Alan Caswell  
Ashley Thrasher  
Mark Easton  
Aaron Studen  
Hans Smith

Council Member absent: N/A

### Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions: Mayor Ing-Moody added an Executive Session to the end of the agenda and stated it would be for 20 minutes.

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### Public Hearing – Amendment of the 2018-2023 Six Year Street Plan –

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the public hearing for the Amendment of the 2018-2023 Six Year Street Plan at 5:31 p.m and asked the public for comments and if anyone believed that any member of the Council should not vote on the subject. There was no public comment. Mayor Ing – Moody closed the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

Action: Council Member Studen moved to approve the Amendment of the 2018-2023 Six Year Street Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thrasher and passed unanimously.

### Public Hearing – Approval of the 2019-2024 Six Year Street Plan –

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the public hearing for the Approval of the 2019-2024 Six Year Street Plan at 5:35 p.m. and asked the public for comments and if anyone believed that any member of the Council should not vote on the subject. There was no public comment. Mayor Ing – Moody closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Action: Council Member Smith moved to approve the 2019-2024 Six Year Street Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

### Public Comment:

Dick Pattison asked that the Council to come up with a better lease to make the airport more prosperous. He stated the insurance requirements currently proposed are too expensive to consider and that the group needs to resolve some of the lease terms prior to discussing the rental rate. The Mayor thanked Mr. Pattison for his comments.

Fred Wert stated that the Airport Advisory Board had recently met and made progress on the lease. He suggested that Town take any revenues generated by ownership of the airport and report them in a separate account to be spent only on airport improvements. The Mayor thanked Mr. Wert for his comments.

Bob Wagner reported that the Town is currently spending around \$3,000 per year for irrigation at the airport and being taxed for over 70 acres. He stated that if the Town could ask the County to re-assess the airport property to reduce the annual cost of irrigation. The Mayor thanked Mr. Wagner for his comments.

Mike Real stated that the stability of the airport to the Town and the community is very important. He urged the Council to get a lease in place that would help the airport thrive and grow. The Mayor thanked Mr. Real for his comments.

Leone Edson asked what was being done by Council and staff about she believes to be a non-conforming cabin across from 321 Bigelow Street. She stated she had asked about it at several meetings and had not heard anything regarding it. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the dwelling in question is a conforming dwelling and if Mrs. Edson would like to request more information through Town Hall she was welcome to do so and thanked Mrs. Edson for her comments.

Mark Edson reported that he was thankful for the article which was published about him in the newspaper regarding his inappropriate behavior to the Council; he has since spoken with many residents about the matter. He also stated that he believes he has discovered a flaw with the design of the new Town Civic Building. He reported the cabin across from his home did not have plumbing yet and claims to have witnessed occupants carrying a bucket out and dumping it on the property. The Mayor thanked Mr. Edson for his comments.

**Mayor's Report:** There was no Mayor's report.

**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. There were no comments.

**Commission/Committee/Board Reports:**

Council Member Thrasher reported she had attended the Chamber Sip and Chat walking tour and visited several businesses in Town.

Council Member Caswell reported that the Parks & Rec meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that she had attended the OCOG meeting the day before.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion: Airport Hangar Lease:** Council Member Smith reported to the Council and public that the Airport Advisory Board had reviewed the airport hangar lease presented by the Town and added some language at the advice of their attorney for the Council to review. Council Member Smith reviewed the changes to the document and the group discussed the material changes. After reviewing the lease

document, the Council identified three major issues that still needed to be addressed. The three issues were the lease rate, the type of liability insurance required, and the topic of subletting. Council Member Studen asked that language be added with regards to subletting and suggested the document state that the hangars can be for non-aviation uses with express written consent by the Town of Twisp. He stated that would keep the Town informed of what each Lessee was doing in their hangars.

Chief Budrow also informed the group that there was no language in the lease regarding emergency inspections and access and suggested stronger language be used surrounding termination and default to include illegal activity.

Dick Pattison offered the Airport Advisory Board attorney to meet with the Town attorney to clarify the three issues. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that there was still content in the lease that was unclear and that she did not want to have any closed-door negotiations. Transparency in the process is very important and the outstanding items still in question would need to be further clarified by legal counsel and stated in open public session. The Mayor stated she would have Town counsel review the language changes in the document and clarify some of the requirements in question as soon as possible. Council Member Smith recommended the Airport Advisory Board request a special meeting in July to keep the process moving along.

**Action: Appointment of Twisp Airport Advisory Board Member to Vacancy.** Council Member Smith reported to the group that there were two candidates interviewed and that the decision had been difficult, but the decision was made to recommend Derek Van Marter for the position.

**Motion:** Council Member Studen moved to approve the appointment of Derek Van Marter as the Twisp Advisory Board Member to Vacancy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

**Discussion: Commission, Board, and Committee Appointments, Terms, Removal and Filling of Vacancies.** Mayor Ing-Moody reported that currently the language and policies for each of the Committees and Commissions was not consistent regarding attendance by members to meetings. The Council agreed that the language should be the same for all committees and commissions and those members may be removed after three consecutive absences or five aggregate meetings within a calendar year.

**Action: Twisp Community Trail Habitat Signs.** Council Member Smith stated that he thought the contents of the signs were not in line with where on the river they were being placed. The group agreed that the signage be relevant to the placement. Mayor Ing – Moody suggested a sign with content that talks about the life cycle and species of fish in the river. The group agreed on this and that the placement of the signs is critical and to check with public works staff prior to placing the signs. There was no action taken.

**Discussion: Flood Issues:** Mayor Ing-Moody reported the Town has partnered with the Dept. of Ecology to deal with the flooding issues in the Painters Addition. She stated the repairs could potentially be costly and that the Public Works Committee needed to meet with the Mayor and the Public Works Director to discuss the options available.

**Action: 2018 AWC Voting Delegates Appointment:** Mayor Ing – Moody asked the Council if any members would be interested in becoming an AWC Voting Delegate and attend the AWC conference in Yakima at the end of June.

**Motion:** Council Member Thrasher moved to appoint Council Member Caswell, Council Member Studen and Mayor Ing-Moody as the 2018 AWC Voting Delegates. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

**Action:** Letter of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Arts Alliance – Gateway and Public Art Project.

**Motion:** Council Member Smith moved to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Arts Alliance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

**Discussion: Oneness-Home Peace Run:** Mayor Ing-Moody invited Council Members to participate in the Oneness-Home Peace Run coming through Town in June. Clerk Moriarty asked questions regarding the group and if they would be using the Town parks to gather or camp. Chief Budrow also asked if the group would need the department to help with traffic control for the run. Clerk Moriarty stated she would contact the organizer to get more information regarding the event.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT #1351	\$608.36	06/02/2018
US Dept. of Ag. Rural Development	EFT #1352	\$395.00	06/02/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #34018-34056	\$49,722.40	06/12/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #34017	\$826.39	05/31/2018
Payroll	EFT #1019-1021 And warrant #14347	\$3,510.00	04/16/2018

Council Member Thrasher moved to approve the consent agenda with Council Member Smith’s changes to language in the airport lease section of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned into Executive Session at 8:05 pm for approximately 20 minutes to discuss possible litigation.

At 8:25 pm Mayor Ing-Moody extended the Executive Session for 35 minutes.

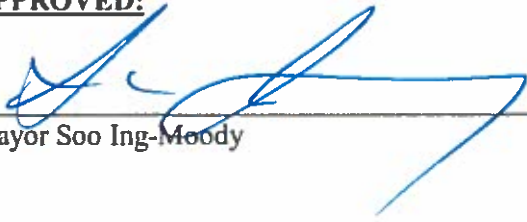
Mayor Ing-Moody reconvened in to regular session at 9:00 pm.

There was no action taken.


**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty