

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 09/23/14
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 John Fleming
 Dwight Filer
 Traci Day

Council Member absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Executive Session regarding Potential Litigation for approximately 20 minutes

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Mark Edson discussed road repair on Wagner Street. Mr. Edson explained to Council that he had arranged for volunteer help to fill the potholes on Wagner Street if the Town could pay for approximately \$1,500 for hot road mix. Mr. Edson had originally collected information on the price of the hot road mix from a contractor that is already doing street work in Town; however, Mr. Edson reported to Council that he may now be able to get a load of mix delivered for only the cost of the mix; he did not have a quote at the time of the meeting. Mayor Ing-Moody thanked Mr. Edson for his comments and stated that “road repair” was on the evening’s agenda for discussion, and that his remarks would be considered by the Council at that time.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She attended the Methow Valley Long-Term Recovery Organization Public Safety Subcommittee meeting consisting of the Town of Twisp, Okanogan County Sheriff’s Office, Okanogan County Dispatch, Aero Methow, Fire District #6, and Brewster Fire and Rescue to discuss the positive aspects of emergency management during the Carlton Complex Fire and also those aspects that need to be addressed for improvement in the future.
- She is on the steering committee of the Methow Valley Long-Term Recovery Organization (LTRO) and has also been attending their meeting each week.

- She reported that Chief Budrow is spearheading a town debriefing with department heads at their next meeting.
- She reported that the television ads for Okanogan County that were funded by the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$150,000 to help boost tourism in Okanogan County were airing. Council Member Day commented that she was unhappy with the ads and Mayor Ing-Moody said she had been hearing similar comments from business owners and the public.
- She gave an update that the Okanogan Council of Governments group is currently developing a set of bylaws for discussion at their next meeting in October.
- She informed Council that she had done a walk through on the Lincoln Street Project with RH2 Engineer Don Popoff. There had been an issue with the quality of the work and that it had been resolved and the project is on schedule.

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.

Council Member Day asked if there was any follow-up regarding Mr. and Mrs. Austin's parking request on South Lincoln Street. Mayor Ing-Moody reported that a representative from Room One told Howard Moss they could not afford to provide parking at the south end of their building at this time. She intends to discuss a long-term parking solution with Room One in the future.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will contact Room One about a long-term off street parking plan.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

Council Member Day reported the Town has been ranked 3rd out of 20 for a trails grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) application process. Council Member Day stated that it is highly unusual for a small town project like ours to rank that high. She thanked the "team" that worked so hard on the application and presentations.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: FEMA Mitigation (Twisp Fire Hall Generator)

Mayor Ing-Moody discussed a request from Fire District #6 regarding the purchase of a generator for the Fire Hall through the grant mitigation process related to the fires. Fire Chief Waller provided an agreement to Clerk Moriarty for Council's review on Monday, September 23, 2014 which was reviewed by Town Attorney DeTro and given to the Council for action based on a deadline of September 24, 2014. Since Fire District #6 would like to take the generator with them if they ever decided not to use the Twisp Fire Hall, Town Attorney DeTro added language to insure that the Fire Hall was put back to its original state including any electrical improvements approved by the Town, when that time came. A point was brought up

that the Town should require the District to leave the infrastructure of the generator transition box intact and in working condition even with the removal of the generator as it would come at a cost to remove; language will be added to the agreement to that effect.

Motion:

Council Member Filer moved to approve the Generator Purchase and Operation Agreement between the Okanogan County Fire District #6 and the Town of Twisp as reviewed and presented by Town Attorney DeTro and with revisions proposed by the Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Action: Clerk Moriarty will work with Town Attorney DeTro to revise the agreement as requested by Council and to provide it to Fire District #6 in a timely manner based on their deadline.

Executive Session to Discuss Possible Litigation

Mayor Ing-Moody convened into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 7:35 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes. Town Attorney DeTro joined the meeting by phone.

Mayor Ing-Moody reconvened into regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to grant Town Attorney DeTro authorization to petition for intervener status in the pending appeal as filed before the Pollution Control Hearings Board between the Okanogan Wilderness League, the Methow Valley Irrigation District and the Washington State Department of Ecology. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: FEMA Mitigation (Generator for Town Hall)

Mayor Ing-Moody discussed the avenues she has been investigating regarding making Twisp more prepared in the future for a power outage. She shared that her discussions with the PUD have been for them to provide a generator at the substation just south of town which would power the upper valley if necessary. Unfortunately the PUD feels this would be too costly to them and are not amenable to the idea. She has been in discussions with legislators regarding another line that would provide electrical service to the valley if the power line on the Loup went down again; however, this option has been in litigation in the Supreme Court for some time with no foreseeable solution at this time. Given the lack of options Mayor Ing-Moody proposed to the Council that the Town submit a letter of intent to apply for grant funds to at the very least, provide a generator for the Town Hall and for each well and sewer lift station that are in need of upgrades. The grant program pays 75% of the cost with a 25% Town match; the State may provide 12.5% of the match in some cases.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter of intent for grant funding for generators needed for Town facilities. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Road Repair

Mayor Ing-Moody stated to Council that she appreciated Mark Edson's initiative to want to help improve the condition of Wagner Street, however, the reality is that the Town's street budget is very small and prior to Mr. Edson's proposal the Public Works Department had identified an area on 5th Avenue that needed more attention and have worked to prepare the area and solidify plans to obtain hot road mix material from the contractor working on the Lincoln Street Project. We will expend most of the 2014 repair and maintenance budget on the area on 5th Avenue.

Council discussed the possibility of other types of surfaces that could be used on Wagner Street and other problem areas in the Town. Mayor Ing-Moody will have staff do research on other methods.

Action: Water Leak/Community Covenant Church

Based on documentation provided by staff there was no discussion.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve a water leak reduction of \$250 for the Community Covenant Church. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Vacant Council Position

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that one letter of intent had been received for the open council member position. Council Member Day stated that she did not see the display ad that was put into the Methow Valley News; Clerk Moriarty confirmed that it had run for 3 weeks. Council felt that more exposure was needed and directed Clerk Moriarty to run a classified ad in the Methow Valley News for two weeks. Also, in an addition, Clerk Moriarty was directed to put an ad on the Methownet bulletin board.

Clerk Moriarty will place a classified ad in the Methow Valley News running two consecutive weeks as well as post an ad on the Methownet bulletin board.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 08/26/14 & 09/09/14

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 23rd day of September, 2014.

Payroll	Checks #13870-13876	\$1,260.56	09/08/14
Payroll	Checks 13877-13880	\$3,500.00	09/15/14
Accounts Payable	Checks 30942-30969	\$27,906.91	09/23/14
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2141-2143	\$1,354.00	09/28/14
Accounts Payable	Checks 30970-30974	\$287,70	09/30/14

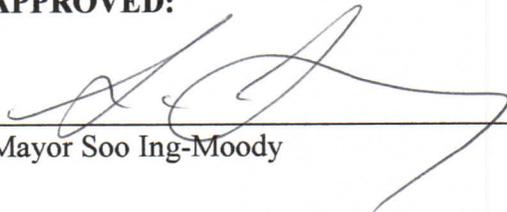
Motion:

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

Adjournment

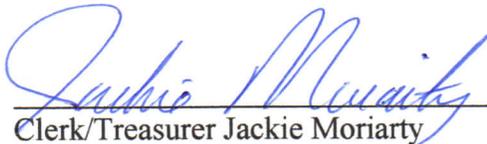
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty