

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 09/26/17

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Council Members present:     Aaron Studen - via phone  
  Alan Caswell  
  John Fleming  
  Hans Smith  
  Josh Thomson

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Additions:**     None

**Deletions:**     None

### **Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes**

Mark Edson, 321 Bigelow Street, submitted pictures to the Council showing alleged damage to his property caused on May 31, 2017 during an extreme rain storm. He also noted a letter that was submitted to the Mayor and Council on September 24, 2017.

Mr. Edson stated that run-off from the rain storm ran across May Street and into his yard and down the hill to SR 20. He stated that he believes this run off originated on the School House Plat development which is owned by Paul Barth. Mr. Edson stated that in the School House Plat SEPA, it states that storm water will be contained on site. He also stated that in the Notice of Decision - Preliminary Approval of the School House Plat, it states that all mitigation in the SEPA checklist will be implemented and maintained for the life of the project.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Twisp Community Trail on September 22<sup>nd</sup> was well attended. Representatives Mike Steele and Cary Condotta, and Senator Brad Hawkins attended the ceremony as did many of the volunteers who worked on the project along with members of the general public. Mayor Ing-Moody commended staff for their hard work on putting the ceremony together.
- She reported that she, Director Denham, and Clerk Moriarty will be attending the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) conference in Wenatchee on October 24<sup>th</sup>, which is also the date for the second October Council meeting. For that reason, the meeting may be canceled and a special meeting held instead to take care of accounts payable.
- She reported that she will meeting with a representative of Senator Patty Murray's office to discuss the North Cascade Smokejumper Base (NCBS) and its future in the Methow Valley.

- She reported that she will be attending an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Board meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 questions asked at this time.

### **Commission/Committee/Board Reports**

There were no reports submitted.

### **Council Member Fleming – Liaison the Methow Watershed Council (MWC)**

- He reported that the Chairman of the MWC is running the meetings in a more professional manner.
- He reported that the new member to the Council, Travis Thorton, has already showed his value to the Council with his understanding of water rights issues from his previous occupation as a water rights attorney.

Mayor Ing-Moody informed the Council of a conversation she had had with Commissioner Hover and understands that the Wolf Creek Project may have implications for Twisp regarding water procurement.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Presentation: The Mountain Pact**

Ashley Leroux, Project Manager of The Mountain Pact, presented the intent and goals of The Mountain Pact. The Mountain Pact educates, empowers and mobilizes outdoor recreation – based mountain communities in the American West through a shared voice of federal policy related to climate, conservation, public lands, and outdoor recreation.

Ms. Leroux explained that as future campaigns arise to galvanize federal action on climate mitigation and adaption, building resilience in mountain towns and broadening the national dialogue is critical. The Town would be contacted and asked if Twisp wanted its name to be included with those participating in giving strength to a certain issue. The Town can participate or decline to participate on campaigns at any time.

Ms. Leroux noted that Congress is presently being asked to support a policy that not only provides emergency relief funding to protect mountain communities from more frequent and severe wildfires but also provides for urgently needed resources for other USFS and DOI responsibilities.

There is no cost to the Town to join The Mountain Pact for the different campaigns that might be of interest to Twisp and its citizens in the future.

**Action: Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) Agreement to Host 2018 Summit**

The Mayor and Council discussed the request by IRIS to host the 2018 IRIS Summit. Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council had not been invited to or attended any of the previous IRIS Summits before the IRIS presentation at the last meeting. They stated that they were amicable to possibly hosting a future event in and stated that in the interim someone could attend the upcoming summit in Chelan in November to get a better understanding of what such an event would entail.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to decline the invitation to hold the summit in Twisp in 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

**Action: Lookout Mountain Tree Removal Agreement**

The Lookout Mountain Tree Removal agreement allows a contractor to cut down dangerous trees that constitutes a nuisance to safety for persons traveling on the Lookout Mountain or Lookout Place right-of-way. The agreement states that the trees can remain, be placed, stored, stacked, or in any manner left upon the Wisman property. The Town and the Wismans' will share the cost of the project.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that there had been discussions with Methow Valley Irrigation District, the DOE, and AWC Risk Management Service Agency about citizen safety and tree removal before the agreement was drafted.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the Lookout Mountain Tree Removal agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

**Action: Consultant Agreement between Varela Engineering and the Town of Twisp for Professional Services for the Twisp Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Lincoln Street and Methow Street Project**

Director Denham and the Council discussed the proposed agreement with Varela & Associates to provide engineering plans to the aforementioned streets. The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) will pay \$107, 243 for the engineering plans of reclamation of portions of those streets.

Director Denham stated that he will submit the Capital Facilities Plan at the next council meeting and it will show the street projects discussed tonight.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the Consultant Agreement between Varela & Associates and the Town of Twisp for Professional Services for the Twisp Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Methow Street Projects. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

**Discussion: Water System Improvements**

Director Denham submitted 3 options for water system improvement: 2017 Massey Wills Lane water line replacement and 2<sup>nd</sup> & Lincoln Street Water line replacement with 100 % loan, 2018-2019 Massey Wills Lane water line replacement, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Lincoln Street waterline replacement and Bugar Street and SR 20 water line replacement with estimated 30% grant and 70% loan, 2018, 2019, & 2020 Massey Wills Lane water line replacement, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Lincoln Street water line replacement, Bugar Street & SR 20 water line replacement, and W. Twisp Avenue water line replacement with estimated 40% grant and 60% loan.

The water line replacement projects would correct most low fire flow issues in the Town. Depending on the projects approved, costs to citizens would be allocated over the years it will take to complete the projects.

Director Denham is asking the Council to review the options and to call him with any questions before the next council meeting. Budget time is here for 2018 and decisions need to be made pertaining to projects in advance of the budget being passed.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

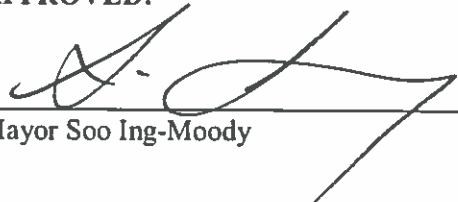
Accounts Payable	Checks #33421-33451	\$44,075.78	09/26/17
John Deere Financial	EFT Trans # 2392	\$142.92	09/27/17
US Rural Development	EFT Trans #2393	\$683.00	09/28/17
Accounts Payable	Checks #33142-33457	\$378.00	09/29/17

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty