

**Town of Twisp**  
**Council Minutes – June 23, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Council Member absent:       None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Filer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Additions:**       4th of July Parade

**Deletions:**       None

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

Lauri Losinski, co-owner of the Do-It-Center Hardware, addressed the Council regarding the sign ordinance. Ms. Losinski stated that she had already voiced her concerns with the Twisp Planning Commission regarding the temporary reader board sign they had just purchased. Ms. Losinski asked Council to consider a change to the sign ordinance to allow this type of temporary sign. They do not wish to make the sign permanent due to snow removal; the sign would primarily be used in the spring, summer, and fall.

Denise Tompetuni, representing Room One shared that the owners of the sign at the Sun Country building have been graciously allowing Room One to use their permanent reader board for fire disaster relief issues; however they are now using it for other purposes. Katrina Auburn, Twisp Feed Store owner, was said to have a reader board she would be willing to donate to them, and Donna Severson, the owner of the building that was previously Bryan's Clothing, is willing to let the sign be placed in front of her building to advertise Room One's location and services. However, these community considerations do not comply with the current sign ordinance.

Katrina Auburn stated she was present to support both Room One and the Do-It-Center in their request for a change to the ordinance to allow these types of signs and their intended uses. Ms. Auburn explained that it is one of the best ways for small businesses to advertise and attract attention about products and services.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked the ladies for sharing their concerns. She will review the ordinance related to reader boards, and speak with the Town's Building Inspector for his input before responding to their concerns.

Joe Marver, owner of Twisp River Suites was present to ask when the wayfinding sign directing people from Hwy 20 to his business would be installed; Mayor Ing-Moody stated it was on Public Works Director Denham's list.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- The T-Shirt art work contest has been selected. After considerable deliberations, the committee selected Jennifer McGill's design. and the t-shirts were ordered June 23, 2015.
- She will be attending and speaking at the Association of Washington Cities annual conference in Wenatchee, June 24-26, 2015.

### **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 of the Department Heads.

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

There were no reports submitted and no verbal reports given.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Action: Twisp Municipal Code 13.05.195 – Water Leakage**

This item was brought forth from the previous meeting to discuss in more detail. Council asked staff to prepare the following changes in ordinance form for the July 14, 2015 meeting.

It was decided that: If in the spring when the meters are first read it is discovered that a plumbing fixture has malfunctioned and has caused an overage in water use, at the discretion of the Public Works Director, the owner may receive up to \$250 in credit to their utility bill if the repair is made in a timely manner and in accordance to the language in TMC 13.05.195. The credit would only be allowable if the occurrence happened during a period when meters were not read.

At any time a leak is detected that is caused by a broken pipe, at the discretion of the Public Works Director the owner may receive up to \$250 in credit to their utility bill if the repair is made in a timely manner upon discovery of the leak, and in accordance to the language in TMC 13.05.195.

#### **Discussion: Water Rights Status**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported to Council that the pending case by the Okanogan Wilderness League (OWL) against the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) has been withdrawn and the case dismissed. This now frees up the Town to officially purchase and receive approximately 248 acre feet of water for potable year-round municipal use. A purchase and sales agreement will be produced by the Department of Ecology for review by the Town. At the point of signing the agreement the current water lease with MVID will be terminated. The permit should be issued to the Town in 30-60 days. Mayor Ing-Moody

acknowledged several key individuals and agencies that were instrumental in helping the Town through this process: Hans Smith, former Council Member for the Town, Dan Haller, Aspect Consulting, and Melissa Downes, DOE. Mayor Ing-Moody also thanked all current and past council members who, over the span of 28 years worked toward obtaining more water rights, and to all of the various agencies that understood the Town's genuine need for these rights and did not put up any barriers which would have impeded our success.

Mayor Ing-Moody reminded the Council of the continued importance in the work that is being done by the Methow Watershed Council, which includes Hans Smith as the Town's representative, regarding the 2 cfs. in the Early Winters Reach. Eventually, according to the Watershed Plan, a portion of that water should and needs to also be allocated to the Town for future municipal use.

### **Action: Water Leak**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported to the Council that the water leak at 102 N. Methow Valley Highway was found after the first meter reading of the year and fixed in a timely manner; they are asking for \$250 in forgiveness for the leak.

### **Motion:**

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the water leak forgiveness in the amount of \$250. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Chief Budrow discussed the possibility of closing off Glover Street at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2015 to keep people from parking their cars on the parade route. Council agreed that for safety reasons there should not be any cars on Glover Street during the parade and decided to leave the details to Chief Budrow.

### **Motion:**

Council Member Filer moved to approve the closure of Glover Street at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2015 for the purpose of keeping cars from parking on the parade route. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

Lori Rodio	Check # 31538	\$100.00	06/09/15
Payroll	Checks #14035, 14036 EFTs Trans # 1316, 1317	\$3,650.00	06/15/15
Accounts Payable	Checks # 31539-31575	\$58,944.51	06/23/15
US Rural Development	EFTs Trans # 1409-1410	\$1,000.00	06/28/15
Accounts Payable	Checks #31576-31580	\$315.00	06/30/15

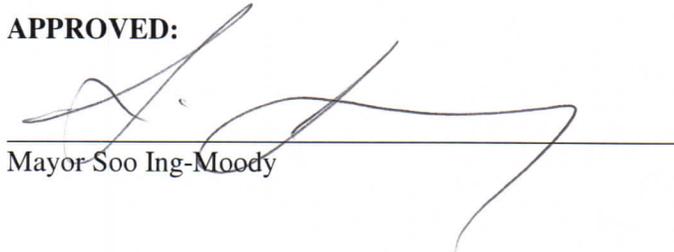
**Motion:**

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

**APPROVED:**



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty