

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 8/25/2020

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Council Members present via phone/video: Aaron Studen
Mark Easton
Alan Caswell
Hannah Cordes

Council Members absent: Hans Smith

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Cordes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Clerk Treasurer Kilmer if any public comment had been received prior to the meeting. He verified that none had been received.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody said she did not have much to report except that she has been asked to speak as AWC President at the UN Small Cities sustainability conference coming up in the next week. She also stated that she had recently met with the Administrative staff in the Clerks Office since a couple of staff members have children and will be adjusting to juggle work and school schedules as a result of the pandemic. She also has a meeting scheduled with the all officers in the police department later in the week. The Mayor also stated that budget season is almost upon us and given the financial uncertainty she will be asking department heads to budget with a 20% reduction for next year. She reported that the recent COVID testing that took place in Twisp last week resulted in 0 positive out of 274 tests.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham stated that he is on vacation, but is continuing to work remotely, staying in touch with staff on various projects. He said the Northtown Project is going well. They are getting the road built up so that it will be ready for chipseal and then will move to SR 20 to complete that portion of the project. He said there is a public works committee meeting coming up and one of the topics that he will cover is to review the offer from USDA for the 3.5 million Wastewater Treatment project. He said the Wastewater facility final draft plan will also be ready to review and hopefully will be ready for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Cordes stated she attended the B.E.E. Campaign meeting. They discussed what messaging they wanted to convey and what the campaign is trying to achieve. She said the Town is partnering with the Twisp Chamber of Commerce, Aero Methow, Methow Ready, Room One and The Cove. They are asking for examples of stories that are positive and energized to post on social media and the webpage. They determined that they will be using Facebook, Instagram and the website to convey the stories. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the Town's social media policy will cover both platforms. Council Member Easton asked for clarification if Jamie Petitto was working on the campaign as a Twisp Chamber employee or as a personal marketing consultant. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that while the Twisp Chamber has agreed to partner in allowing use of their social media platform to market our campaign, Petitto was being paid through the B.E.E. funds to work strictly for the Town in this capacity. Council Member Easton reported on the Climate Task Force Meeting. He said about 30 people attended. They have completed the first rough draft and wanted to provide an opportunity for it to be picked apart so that each sector is reviewed. The biggest cause of CO2 emissions for the Valley (which includes the Methow Watershed) are personal vehicles, tourist vehicles, and residential building. Their next step is mitigation and to have a meeting on how to create solutions for the future. Council Member Easton also reported on the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting. He said that the sip and chats have been cancelled but would like to start hosting virtual lunches instead. The visitor center remains open to the public and have had traffic come through.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: Resolution #20-665 – Holman Capital Contract:

Director Denham reported that the previous conversations about Holman Capital looked promising for funding the Water Meter replacement project. He shared that upon recent review of the contract it was noticed that there were several items that he was not comfortable with. The Town's attorney also agreed with his reservations. He spoke with another funding source at North Cascades Bank and was given a new proposal that looks like a much better funding plan and would save the town the \$10,000 finance fee as well as \$700 annually in interest. He stated that he is waiting for the official proposal from the bank and will bring that to the Council for review once it becomes available.

Discussion/Action: Methow Watershed Council/Foundation:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she almost removed this item from the agenda since the meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum so there wasn't anything new to report. That being said, she wanted to provide the Council an opportunity to make any comments they had regarding the Watershed Council's consideration to merge the Foundation with the Watershed Council. The Town continues to hold the position that such a merger would not be in the best interest of the general public who would not be represented by elected citizens.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 7/28/2020

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 25th day of August 2020.

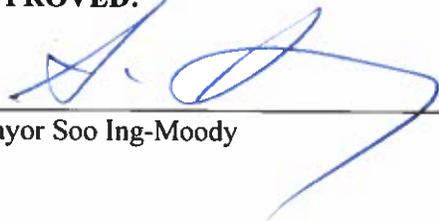
Payroll	EFT# 1667-1678	18433.57	08/14/2020
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 35654-35675	52113.34	08/25/2020
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1696	683.00	08/25/2020

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer

