

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 07/26/16

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

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Aaron Studen
 Alan Caswell
 John Fleming
 Hans Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Lloyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Council Member Fleming requested adding a discussion about water availability for non-vested lots. Mayor Ing-Moody asked if it would be alright to put this topic on a future agenda to enable Council to receive supporting documentation needed for the discussion. Council Member Fleming agreed.

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Dwight Filer, 507 Peters Road: He apologized to Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Smith for stating in his email submittal to Council which stated that nothing had been done by the Town pertaining to Lloyd Holdco and the Twisp Industrial development. He wanted to make clear that he does acknowledge that Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Smith had done “something”.

Joe Marver, owner of Twisp River Suites, 140 W. Twisp Avenue: He reported to the Mayor and Council that he had placed a sandwich board advertising Twisp River Suites on the The Floyd Company property on north SR 20 with the owner’s permission. He stated he has already had walk-in customers due to the signage.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that signage stating LODGING was placed with his knowledge at Johnson Street and W. 2nd Avenue and that the Twisp Sign Ordinance doesn’t permit off premise signs making his sandwich board illegal.

She also noted that a downtown way-finding signage program is part of the Economic Revitalization Plan in Twisp’s Community Economic Revitalizing Board (CERB) grant and improvements will be made to provide for way-finding signage.

Bruce Morrison, 402 Bridge Street: He asked if Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) staff had gotten back to the Town as to the amount of grant funds that will be available to Twisp for the trail program. He stated that the withdrawal of the Lloyd Holdco donation to the project was a great loss.

Mr. Morrison was told that the Town had not heard back from RCO concerning revised numbers for the trail grant.

Sandy Liman, 109 Ainsworth Avenue: He asked if the speed limit on the north end of Twisp could be lowered to 25 miles per hour sooner as drivers come from the north to give an opportunity to reduce speed before the Twisp River Bridge and Ainsworth Avenue. He stated that drivers in small cars can potentially not see over the barrier on the bridge to see vehicles coming from the south and then have to creep out into traffic before turning left. He also asked about signage to remind truckers to not use their compression brakes as they travel through Twisp.

An electronic reminder board that shows a vehicles' speed was also discussed for Twisp traffic control.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- The August 9th council meeting has been canceled. A special meeting will likely be held to approve accounts payable.

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.

PW Director Denham

He reported on the following:

- The USDA grant application has been submitted for the waterline improvement project from Wagner Street to the south of town limits.
- The bid for the sidewalk, curbs, and gutter for the same project has gone out to bid due to grant requirements.
- The Twisp Avenue sidewalk project has received design approval from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and will go out to bid again.

Council Member Fleming complimented Director Denham for the work done on the pool. Director Denham noted that his staff worked very hard on the project.

Police Chief Budrow

He reported on the following:

- The new 2015 Tahoe is outfitted and in use by the department.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Caswell Liaison to the Planning Commission

He reported on the following:

- He attended the July 13th Planning Commission meeting and reported that the Comprehensive Plan revision, Subdivision Ordinance, and Sign Ordinance were all topics of discussion.

Council Member Smith Liaison to the Methow Watershed Council (MWC)

He reported on the following:

- The most recent MWC meeting was well attended by the public and Okanogan County Commissioner Campbell and commissioner candidate Ashley Thrasher. Water availability, exempt wells, and a presentation on ground water were the agenda topics.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Action: Resolution #16-585-Emergency Medical Services Levy

Cindy Button, Director of Services for Aero Methow Rescue Service attended the meeting and spoke to the Emergency Medical Services Levy that will be on the general election ballot in November for the Town of Twisp. Every six years the Town is required to approve the levy. However, Director Button noted that the law now allows entities to approve the levy for every ten years, if desired, which allows for less election expenses and more long range planning time.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve Resolution #16-585 – Emergency Medical Service Levy for six years. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve Resolution #16-585- Emergency Services Levy as amended to state the approval of the levy for every ten years. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #16-586 – Upper Methow Valley Mining Withdrawal Proposal

Resolution #16-586 asks the Council to approve a request to the United States Secretary of the Interior and Congress for the withdrawal of lands within the Methow River headwaters from the operation of the General Mining Act of 1872. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the request is to protect our water source from potential adverse effects. She stated that as a municipality, Twisp has the legal obligation to insure that our water is safe, and the protection of our local economy which includes safe drinking water.

Council Member Lloyd stated that he believes the utilization of our natural resources is also important for our economy.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve Resolution #16-586 - Upper Methow Valley Mining Withdrawal Proposal. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed. Council Member Lloyd opposed Resolution #16-586.

Action: Ordinance #704 - Twisp Municipal Code (TMC) – Section 8.20 – Litter, Refuse, Trash, and Burning

Council had approved changes to TMC 8.20.140, Litter, Refuse, Trash, and Burning – Violation- adding language stating that burning during an official burn ban will constitute a misdemeanor and a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment. The draft ordinance in the Council packets did not include language stating “is hereby amended to include the following” and “However” at the beginning of the paragraph. A revised Ordinance #704 was submitted to the Council.

Motion:

Council Member Studen moved to approve TMC 8.20.140, Litter, Refuse, Trash, and Burning: Violations as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Agreement with Lloyd Holdco, LLC for Twisp Community Trail Project In-Kind Match

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that due to unforeseen circumstances the discussion about the Lloyd Holdco LLC agreement with the Town had been tabled for a time.

Council Member Lloyd stated that he would like to recuse himself from the discussion as a council member and would enter the discussion as a member of Lloyd Holdco LLC.

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Mr. Lloyd if Lloyd Holdco LLC had reached an agreement on the amount of in-kind donation they wanted to make towards the Twisp Community Trail project. He stated that yes; they will donate \$18,700 towards the trail project.

Mayor Ing-Moody asked the council members if they were comfortable with that amount of in-kind donation for the trail project.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to give Mayor Ing-Moody the power to enter into an agreement with Lloyd Holdco LLC for the in-kind donation of \$18,700. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed. Council Member Lloyd recused himself from the vote.

Action: Ordinance #705 - Budget Amendment

At the passing of the 2016 Budget, a new police department vehicle, a TAP grant, new generators, civic building/PW shop design, or a DOE/OCR loan had not come before the Council. Clerk Moriarty submitted Ordinance #705 as a budget amendment to the 2016 Budget for those items.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve Ordinance #705 Budget Amendment to the 2016 Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes 06/14/16

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 26th day of July, 2016.

US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 1481	\$395.00	07/02/16
Accounts Payable	Checks 32433-32456	\$17,589.86	07/26/16
US Rural Development	EFT Trans #1480	\$683.00	07/28/16
Accounts Payable	Checks #32457-32463	\$378.00	07/31/16

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 6:44 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty