

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 5/12/2020

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mayor Ing-Moody read the following comment submitted in writing from Mark Edson – 321 Bigelow St.

“Just received a copy of the March 26th Governor’s guidelines for the Covid19 Open Public Meetings Act, from the office of the Attorney General. I question the Towns actions regarding necessary and routine. TranGo Bus Stop?? Eminent Domain Taking?? 3.2 Million City Hall?? Have a call in to the Attorney General to see if your actions qualify.”

Mayor Ing-Moody responded that the Town is very mindful of what is deemed necessary and routine. She stated that items have been placed on the agenda to address necessary time-sensitive and essential business for the Town. Most agenda items have been to address housekeeping or continue projects that have been in progress and time-sensitive.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that she is still busy attending meetings remotely dealing with the Covid19 Emergency with various local and state government and agencies. She organized and joined the Twisp Chamber of Commerce as they attended the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce’s meeting to better collaborate and share regional efforts impacting the business community. The Lake Chelan Commerce Director, and State Representative, Mike Steele facilitated the meeting. Additional guests included the Twisp Chamber of Commerce President, Sandy Moody, Vice-President, Don Lennertz, and State Representative, Keith Goehner. Our delegation was able to share local efforts with the group in anticipation of an economic re-opening and upcoming legislative session. Mayor Ing-Moody has been looking into the potential for Cares Act Funding to assist local businesses; she is working with Twispworks as a potential partner. She continues to participate in various meetings, including a weekly meeting with Central Washington elected officials and the Governor’s staff regarding guidelines and other issues related to the Covid pandemic. She continues to meet bi-weekly with AWC Executive officers and staff, in addition to participating on State and Federal legislative priorities to address issues impactful and relevant for small communities like

Twisp. She shared that the Twisp Civic Building continues to move forward. The Town is in process of securing temporary housing for Town Hall and the Police Department; she anticipates a contract to be brought to the Council in the weeks to come as we prepare to move forward. She wanted to note that through this challenging time, all departments continue to diligently work in service to the community.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that his staff report is included in the packet. Council Member Cordes asked Denham if they had a chance to follow up with the possible leak, he mentioned in his staff report? Denham replied that Evergreen Rural Water did come to help with a leak, but it was raining so they did some brainstorming instead. He feels that they are close to solving the puzzle although they are still unsure where the water leakage is coming from. He said he has some information on equipment that will help with leak detections in the future.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton virtually attended the Climate Task Force meeting on April 29th. It was for the Economic Committee where they rated the Top 10 items from the survey that will be included in the final Taskforce plan.

The next meeting will be with the infrastructure Committee as the Climate Task Force.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that she virtually chaired the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) meeting earlier in the day. At the meeting, she reported that they had held their annual coordinated meeting with WDSOT and are up to date on providing the necessary documents needed, including the annual report. She shared that OCOG is continuing with Phase 2 of the Backroads Study, which include GIS mapping in which members are asked to participate and identify key places in their areas on the map. "Maptionnaire" enables members to go in and add landmarks to the map. For the first time since the pandemic, OCOG held a roundtable for all jurisdictions to share their experiences with Covid. The intention was to help find common ground and enable a coordinated effort for recovery from this emergency. No decisions on strategy were made at this meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Resolution 20-657 – Personnel Policy (Vacation Accrual):

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that this is a continuation of conversation from the previous council meeting. It is a routine item cleaning up the conflicting language in the Personnel Policy removing the example as stated as it conflicted with the reference chart above it in.

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution 20-657 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: TranGo Ground Lease:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated this is a routine item that needs to occur each year, and is timely now since the TranGo Board will be meeting to discuss the lease in a few days. We currently have a ground lease with TranGo for them to store busses on Town property. The only change requested on the lease is to have the dates reflect an extension of the lease.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the TranGo Ground Lease. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Twisp Northtown Project Award:

Director Denham is recommending that Council award this project to DJB Construction for \$1,042,342.78 for the base bid with schedule A&B and without Alternate 1. He said that Okanogan County Public Works has submitted a quote to perform the BST work (Alternate 1) for a significant cost savings.

Council Member Smith asked if we have any experience working with DJB Construction? Denham responded that yes, we have worked with them in the past and it happened to be on a project that we are currently having a waterline issue with. He has spoken with Varela and they have expressed that they have had good experience in working with them and able to positively verify their track record.

Council Member Smith moved to award the Northtown Water Systems Project to DJB Construction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 3/18/2020

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 12th day of May 2020.

Payroll	EFT# 987,988,991-993,996-1006	64614.39	04/30/2020
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 35465-35496	28883.12	05/12/2020
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1040-1041	1003.36	5/12/2020

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer

