

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 01/22/2019

Mayor Ing – Moody called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Council Members present: Mark Easton  
Hans Smith  
Alan Caswell  
Aaron Studen

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

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Discussion/Action – Konrad Long Plat Development Approval

Discussion/Action – Wildfire Smoke Study – Request for Letter of Support

#### **Deletions:**

Discussion/Action: Temporary Administrative Assistant Contract

### **Public Comment:**

Dick Pattison spoke about the Twisp Airport Advisory Board proposal that is included in the Council packet and expressed his hope that Council would keep in mind that the Airport members have raised \$40,000 on their own as match for the South Taxiway Project.

Bob Wagner spoke about ways to reduce costs at the Airport. His ideas included cutting back on some mowing and watering to help save in operating costs.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that she had Jury Duty in Okanogan last week and that she has been busy with day to day business. She also announced that Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty gave her notice since the last meeting and that her last day would be Jan 23. She thanked Clerk Moriarty for her many years of service and commitment to serving the Town. She also announced that there may be a temporary replacement until a new Clerk is hired to assure the Town remains compliant with any financial obligations and reporting.

### **Staff Reports:**

Director Denham reported that the Mixer for the WWTP will need to be replaced and is awaiting delivery at any time. He stated that it will cost approximately \$20,000 and will not come out of Reserves.

**Commission/Committee/Board Reports:**

Council Member Studen reported that TranGo met last week and that they are working on transportation to the Loup Loup Ski Area. The Loup Loup still needs to purchase a shuttle bus before a stop can be made. A possible meeting location being considered will be at the South Pass turn off to enable skiers to safely load/unload.

Council Member Caswell reported that the Planning Commission is currently working on the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to Land Use.

Council Member Caswell reported that there is a Chamber of Commerce Sip n Chat coming up on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and invited all to attend. He shared that at the recent Chamber meeting they discussed that Twisp businesses were complaining that their parking was being taken by employees of other businesses and were looking for a solution.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action: Konrad Long Plat Development Approval:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Konrad Long Plat Development. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: Airport Lease Rates:**

Council Member Smith opened the discussion regarding the Airport Lease. He feels they've accomplished something already with the lease language agreement and hopes that the lease rate discussion will continue down the right path. He wants this to be a fair proposal for both parties so that an amenable agreement will be the result. Included in the Council Packet was a letter from the Twisp Airport Advisory Board (TAAB) detailing their proposed ground lease rate of \$375 per year and a letter outlining how they came to the conclusion of the amount. Council Member Smith included a spreadsheet that showed 6 different options including the revenue and expenses for each option with different rates. After each Council Member shared their opinion of the option they favored, Council decided on proposing to TAAB a rate of \$460 per year.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the proposed Airport lease rate of \$460 annually. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Twisp Airport Advisory Board will meet in the future to discuss this proposed rate and report back to Council with their decision.

**Discussion/Action: Public Restrooms:**

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that there is no update yet with the Public Restroom discussion. The Town has not heard from the MERC as to their decision on the future of the Public Restrooms. Currently the restrooms are closed to the public.

**Action: Methow Valley Community Center Library Space Rent Increase and 2019 Sub-Lease:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve Methow Valley Community Center Library Space Rent Increase and 2019 Sub-Lease. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Airport Advisory Board Vacant Position:**

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Michael Real in the vacant Twisp Airport Advisory Board position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

**Action: RWD Landscape Architect Agreement:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Agreement for Professional Services between the Town of Twisp and RWD Landscape Architect PS for work on the Sports Complex as funded by the RCO grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Interim Clerk/Treasurer:**

Mayor Ing – Moody presented the Council Members with a contract between Suzanne Levis and the Town of Twisp, to act as Interim Clerk/Treasurer effective Wednesday January 23 for a period of 3 months or until a full time Clerk can be hired to cover the vacancy left by Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty.

Council Member Studen moved to approve the Agreement between Suzanne Levis and the Town of Twisp for the Interim Clerk/Treasurer Position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action Vacant Council Position:**

Mayor Ing – Moody introduced Hannah Cordes as the applicant for the vacant Council position. Each Council Member asked Hannah questions in an interview pertaining to the position.

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Hannah Cordes as a Council Member for vacant position #1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing – Moody performed the Oath and swearing in of Council Member Cordes.

**Discussion/Action UW Air Quality Study Letter of Support:**

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that she was asked for a letter of support for a University of Washington Air Quality Study due to wildfire smoke to be conducted in the area. The study is to take place over a period of 5 years with some expected participation from the Town. The Council discussed the study and a question was raised as to why the study would take so long when it is desired that we have solutions in place for our community sooner than that. Additionally, the Council wanted to be assured that the study would produce viable solution suggestions for the town. It was felt that participation and leadership

during the formation of solutions include the Town management and leadership to ensure that outcomes can be implementable.

Council Member Smith moved to approve a letter of support for the UW Air Quality Study. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2019.

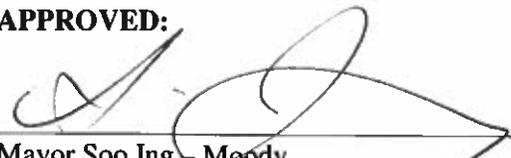
Accounts Payable	EFT #3085 #3091	26320.50	12/31/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 34528-34543	22080.18	12/31/2018
Accounts Payable	EFT #222-223	826.06	01/22/2019
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 34544-34561	93303.42	01/22/2019
Payroll	EFT# 141-145	4610.00	01/15/2019

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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:15p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing - Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer