

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 09/08/15
5:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

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

Council Member absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Loretta Simpson – Ms. Simpson stated her concerns with the proposed helicopter training in Okanogan County. She suggested to the Council that a resolution or ordinance regulating height of flight patterns above the Town, decibels of noise allowed, and types of aircraft allowed to fly would protect the Town’s pristine environment.

Mike Port – Mr. Port noted that the engineering design on the Surface Transportation Program (STP) project for E. Twisp Avenue includes removing five diagonal parking spaces from the front of Hometown Pizza and replacing them with two parallel parking spaces. Mr. Port noted the importance of parking spaces in downtown Twisp and to the individual businesses. Mayor Ing-Moody and Director Denham stated that the engineers were reviewing this issue.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody did not give a report at this time.

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.

Police Chief Budrow stated that the National Guard was very helpful during the recent fire and evacuation period. The Guard patrolled at night and gave the local police a break from patrolling for looters.

Director Denham reported that he is researching remote read water meters to accurately and more efficiently read water consumption and has interviewed 2 suppliers and wants to interview two others before reporting to the Council.

He also reported that the Vector was repaired at a much lower cost than expected.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Filer, Liaison to the Okanogan County Transportation Authority, reported that he has seen a preliminary schedule for transit routes for the Methow Valley and, when available, he will bring maps and schedules for the Council to view.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Spartan Art Project – Glover Street Display

Matt Armbrust, in association with the Spartan Art Project, is asking for special consideration to place the Spartan Art trailer at 109 N. Glover Street in front of Keyser Studio on September 26th just for the day. He has the written approval from the business owners located in close proximity to where the trailer would be placed.

Motion:

Council Member Filer made the motion to approve the placement of the Spartan Art trailer at 109 N. Glover Street on September 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Isabella Ridge Long Plat #1 – Street & Utilities

Vaughn Jolley, developer of Isabella Ridge Long Plat #1, is requesting a deviation from the minimum design standards for a Twisp town street. Mr. Jolley is offering a 60 foot utility dedication; a 26 foot paved surface (asphalt) with the pavement cross section built to Twisp's existing and published standards.

Director Denham and Planner Danison stated that they would like the Town to consider waiving the requirement for curbs and sidewalks as permitted in 17.04.030 (24) for this long plat. In the area of Painters Addition at this time, there are no curbs and gutters on existing streets.

Director Denham and Council discussed public versus private ownership of utilities and Director Denham stated that utilities need to be public.

Director Denham stated that a street design of 28 feet width of asphalt, and not 26 feet as Mr. Jolley mentioned, is the published standard and 50 feet of minimum right-of-way width would be adequate for maintenance/replacement repairs.

The issue of a variance to the design standards of Twisp Municipal Code 17 would go before the Planning Commission. Director Denham will attend the next Planning Commission meeting and discuss his recommendation with the Commission. The Commission would then hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposed variance request.

Mr. Jolley stated his appreciation of the Town in working with him on this issue.

Surface Transportation Program – SR20 Sidewalk Project – Engineer Award

Director Denham reported that he and the Public Works sub-committee are recommending Varela Engineering to design the SR 20 Sidewalk project which will add sidewalks along Hwy 20 from Wagner Street to Airport Road.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the award of the SR 20 Sidewalk Project to Varela Engineering and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #695 – PDA/TwispWorks Overlay

The Council discussed proposed Ordinance #695 and the ordinance will be sent back to Planner Danison for further review.

Resolution #15-562A – USDA Loan Agreement for Police Vehicle

The Town applied for and received a loan and a grant for the purchase of a new police vehicle from the USDA in the amount of \$44,000. One half of the purchase price will be paid through a loan and one half through a grant. The interest rate on the loan is 3.62% and a requirement of the loan is that a reserve of \$964 will be set back each year for five years.

Motion:

Council Member Studen made the motion to approve Resolution #15-562A loan agreement and to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to sign the agreement with the USDA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

USDA Grant Agreement for Police Vehicle

This grant agreement is for the purchase a police vehicle through the USDA in the amount of \$22,000.

Motion:

Council Member Day made the motion to approve the grant agreement with the USDA for the purchase of a police vehicle and to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to sign the agreement.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 07/14/15 and 08/20/15 Special Meeting

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 8th day of September, 2015.

Accounts Payable	Checks # 31693-31720	\$21,853.73	08/25/15
US Rural Development	EFTs Trans # 1857-1858	\$1,000.00	08/25/15
Accounts Payable	Checks #31721-31726	\$378.00	08/28/15
Accounts Payable	Check #31727	\$129.00	08/25/15
Payroll	Checks #14078-14096 EFTs Trans # 1934-6, 1939, 1943, 1945, 1950, 1955 & 6, 1978-1982	\$62,751.44	08/31/15
Accounts Payable	Checks #31728-31756	\$19,026.26	09/08/15
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 2034, 2036,7	\$2,341.51	09/01/15

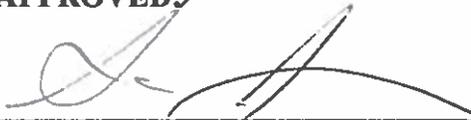
Motion:

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

Adjournment

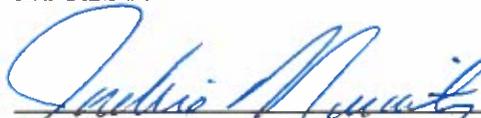
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty