

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 08/22/2017

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

Council Members present: Aaron Student via phone
 Alan Caswell
 John Fleming
 Hans Smith

Council Member absent: Josh Thomson

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: Personnel Policy Manual

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Mark Edson, 321 Bigelow Street: He stated that run-off from the winter's snow ran across May Street and into his yard and down the hill to SR 20. He stated that this run off originated on the School House Plat development which is owned by Paul Barth. Mr. Edson stated that in the School House Plat SEPA, it states that storm water will be contained on site. He also stated that in the Notice of Decision - Preliminary Approval of the School House Plat, it states that all mitigation in the SEPA checklist will be implemented and maintained for the life of the project.

Mr. Edson stated that he will be submitting a sign permit application to the Town for placement of signage at the base of his Bigelow Street property that abuts Town right-of-way and SR 20.

Tricia Eyre: Ms. Eyre is the tenant at 105 S. M.V. Hwy. She stated that she moved her real estate business to Twisp to what she thought was a business-friendly atmosphere. The lot at 105 S. M.V. Hwy has been cleaned up and made pedestrian friendly. She stated that she received notification that a mistake had been made in granting placement of her North Cascade Land and Home Company monument sign at the corner of W. 2nd Avenue and SR 20 and the sign needed to move out of the clear vision triangle due safety concerns. Ms. Eyre stated her opinion that the sign was placed there in good faith and did not create a safety concern. She believes the request by the town to move the sign says to her that Twisp is not a business-friendly town.

Mel Engelke: Mr. Engelke is the owner of the lot at 105 S. M.V. Hwy. He stated that he very carefully placed the monument sign with the town building inspector's approval and even set it back further from

both W. 2nd Avenue and SR 20 than necessary. He stated that a serious effort was made to blend the remodel of the building and the landscaping to match neighborhood.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked them both for providing public comment and noted that she had visited with Ms. Eyre about moving her monument sign and that the Public Works Director' interpretation of the Twisp Municipal Code shows that the sign is not in compliance as was mistakenly expressed by the Building Inspector. The Mayor stated that due to the error, the Town will bear the cost of moving the sign to an agreeable spot. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the town would like to work with her on providing a safe line of sight for drivers. She offered to meet with Mr. Engelke and Ms. Eyre and staff to work on finding an amicable solution to this matter.

Monica Bernhard: Ms. Bernhard lives at 640 Bigelow and had signed up to speak during Public Comment to discuss accessory dwelling units. When Mayor Ing-Moody stated that it was her turn to speak, Ms. Bernhard declined, stating that she would like to wait until next month to talk about her issue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she and the Public Safety Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the Fire Contract which is due to expire at the end of the year. Due to the fact that the Okanogan County Fire District #6's chief position is expected to be permanently appointed soon, she stated that the Town will wait until such time before scheduling a meeting to embark on renewed contract negotiations.

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.

Public Works Director Denham

It was reported to Director Denham that the trestle located on the Methow River off of 6th Avenue is leaking.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member John Fleming Liaison to the Methow Watershed Council (MWC)

- He stated he had not attended the last MWC meeting but knew that Travis Thornton was being recommended to the Town Council as an at-large member of the MWC.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action - Introduction of Methow Watershed Council Nominee

Travis Thornton introduced himself to the Council and expressed his interest in being part of the MWC. He noted that he had practiced water law in Colorado and now that he lives in the Methow Valley has a

personal interest in the future of water management in the Valley. He was asked questions pertaining to his knowledge and interest in ensuring that future water rights to the Town remain a priority.

Due to the intention by Council Member Smith to abstain from the vote, a quorum of the Council was lacking at this time for a vote.

Presentation: Methow Housing Trust – Danica Ready

Danica Ready is the executive director of the Methow Housing Trust, a new non-profit with the goal of creating affordable housing in the Methow Valley. The Trust has recently bought a large track of land in Twisp. The Trust would hold the ownership of the land in-perpetuity while home owners would own the home. When a home was to sell at a later date, it could only be sold at a fixed increase thereby ensuring its affordability over time.

Ms. Ready stated that they hope to start construction of homes in 2018. The size of the homes would be approximately 1,100 square feet per unit.

Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council thanked Ms. Ready for the presentation and stated that the project will add needed housing in the Methow Valley for those working in lower income jobs.

Council Member Studen attended the meeting via phone.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve nominee Travis Thornton to the Methow Watershed Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed. Council Member Smith abstained from voting on the nomination.

Discussion; Proposed Subdivision Code Revisions and Upcoming Planning Commission Priorities

Planner Danison stated that the Planning Commission had completed its review of the updated Subdivision. The Commission has reviewed Twisp Municipal Code (TMC) 17.05-17.50 and the new section 17.55 Binding Site Plan. The Commission has also completed its review of the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element and had given it to the Council for their comments last fall.

Planner Danison stated the Commissioners would appreciate any comments the Council would have pertaining to the revised sections of the Comprehensive Plan and the Subdivision Ordinance.

Planner Danison and the Council discussed a list of zoning issues identified by staff and the Commission from the past few years. Council Member Smith requested that Planner Danison elaborate on why those items listed need to be reviewed and possibly changed in the zoning code and get that information back to the Council. Planner Danison was also asked if the revisions in the 2 documents were consistent with each other. Planner Danison said that yes, they were but also as the documents continue be revised inconsistencies will happen and need to be corrected. Mayor Ing-Moody reiterated what was expressed at this year's Council Retreat and the Council's desire to ensure that commercial/tourist zones remain as such in the Town especially in light of pressure to convert homes to residential use. This was expressed as

a Town priority to ensure that both commercial and residential needs continue to be met in accordance with current codes.

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 22nd day of August, 2017.

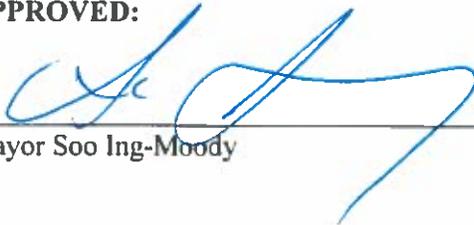
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| Payroll | EFTs Trans # 2050-54 Check #14286 | \$4,360.00 | 08/015/17 |
| Accounts Payable | Checks #33341-33365 | \$32,033.03 | 08/22/17 |
| John Deere Financial | EFT Trans # 2100 | \$142.92 | 08/27/17 |
| US Rural Development | EFT Trans # 2099 | \$683.00 | 08/28/17 |
| Accounts Payable | Checks # 33366-33372 | \$441.00 | 08/31/17 |
| Accounts Payable | Checks # 33373-33375 | \$55,886.25 | 08/22/17 |

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty