

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 5/26/2020

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 Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – 2020 CDBG General Purpose Grant Application – Wastewater System Infrastructure:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing for the 2020 CDBG General Purpose Grant Application for the Wastewater System Infrastructure at 5:30 p.m. She asked the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 5:34 p.m.

Discussion/Action: Resolution # 20-658 – CDBG Wastewater System Grant Application:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution #20-658 – CDBG Wastewater System Grant Application as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing – 2020 USDA RD Grant Application – Wastewater System Infrastructure:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing for the 2020 USDA RD Grant Application for the Wastewater System Infrastructure at 5:35 p.m. She asked the public for comments. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

Discussion/Action: Resolution # 20-659 – USDA RD Grant Application – Wastewater System Infrastructure:

Council Member Studen moved to approve Resolution #20-659 - USDA RD – Grant Application as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated and asked the Clerk Treasurer to confirm that the Clerk's Office did not receive any public comment for this meeting. Clerk Treasurer Kilmer confirmed that no comments had been received.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she continues to attend meetings regarding the Covid19 Emergency. She recently met with Representative Newhouse's aid and said that she shared how things are going locally as the aid was gathering information from his district.

She stated she will be part of the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting with local businesses hosting a Q & A - regarding reopening, impacts, and help answer any concerns that citizens and businesses have regarding reopening.

She also stated that she and Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer will be meeting with FEMA about Public Assistance fact finding and eligible reimbursements. She knows that she there will be some reimbursements regarding the Police Department and communications. She will also be meeting with the Governor's office and other Central Washington Mayors to continue communications about Covid19.

Staff Reports:

N/A

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton attended the Twisp Chamber of Commerce with TwispWorks and Methow Arts. Together they have contacted over 450 businesses in the Methow Valley. The Chamber has decided to extend their membership renewal until September 2020 to help alleviate the costs on businesses impacted by Covid19. He stated that the Summer Brewfest has been postponed and the summer art walk is cancelled. They are still talking about what to do for the 4th of July Parade. He said the Chamber has been working on unified signage for businesses to use for masks and social distancing.

Council Member Easton also attended the Climate Change Task Force meeting where he met and spoke about Economic and Infrastructure committees. He said that they continue to work on the plan and hope to have it finalized by November. Council Member Smith asked if the Task Force will be looking for endorsement from the Town of Twisp once the plan is finalized. Council Member Easton replied that he isn't sure that is the point, as he believes he is part of the committee to provide input from the Town's perspective. He said that it will be up to individual towns to adopt guidelines they see fit.

Council Member Cordes attended the strategic planning meeting for Friends of the Pool. They have a goal to partner with the Town of Twisp in the future and are setting goals for 2024. They plan to have community listening sessions and are actively looking for partners and donors. The Friends of the Pool goal still remains to have a new pool by 2024.

Mayor Ing Moody stated that she is appreciative of the Friends of the Pool helping to fund the necessary preparations in the event the Town is able to open the pool this year. Things are still moving forward and a decision to be made at a future council meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: WA State Department of Commerce – Coronavirus Relief funds:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the discussion stating that there is a lot of information included in the packet regarding the Cares Act Funding from Washington State. She said that based on our population we are eligible for \$29,400. The contract would enable the Town reimbursement of expenses related to the Covid emergency. She asked Council if they had a chance to read through the information and what concerns, if any, they have. Council Member Studen was concerned that the amount of staff time involved in filling out the paperwork and administering the funds might far outweigh the amount of money we would receive in reimbursement. Mayor Ing-Moody replied that no grant application is needed as this is a reimbursement situation only. We would only be reimbursed for what we have already have had to expend monies on. She said we have already accumulated some expenditures such as remote meeting services that would be eligible for reimbursement. Council Member Smith asked if the application process would be a large burden to the staff? Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer responded that he feels that its minimal and he has already been tracking eligible expenses prior to this fund becoming available. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the fund would be used in the best apportion and interest to what is needed for the community. She will bring the discussion back to the Council once there is a better understanding of how the funds might best be used.

Council Member Smith moved to approve submittal and approval of signing a contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Twisp Civic Building:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the discussion by stating that the Bid Opening for the Twisp Civic Building/Emergency Operations Center were opened on May 20th. Unfortunately, the bids were higher than anticipated and believes a more in-depth conversation is needed with the Civic Building Committee to flesh out details of options moving forward. Director Denham stated that he is involved and working hard on a positive solution. He is working on Value Engineering with architect Steve Roth of Architects West. He feels that there are a lot of options and it is a work in progress to alter certain aspects of the project. He looks forward to meeting with the committee for insight and solutions. Council Member Smith asked how many bids there were in total? Direction Denham responded that there were seven general contractors and they were all close in the bid range. He stated that he reached out to one contractor and asked if they have a percentage accounted for due to Covid19 safety measures and they agreed that they did. Council Member Caswell asked if there are any other big differences that were noted in the bids relating to what the architect estimated? Director Denham said that he is working on getting an in depth look at the value engineering and doesn't have an answer to that question at this time. Mayor Ing-Moody stated further discussion will be brought back to Council after the Committee meets.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 5/12/2020

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 26th day of May 2020.

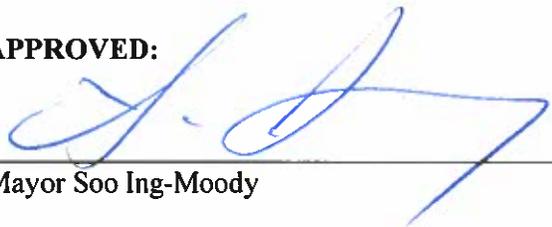
Payroll	EFT# 1079-1085	7680.00	5/15/2020
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 35497-35516	29802.29	5/26/2020
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1138	683.00	5/26/2020

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda. 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 6:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer