

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 10/22/2019

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

Council Members present: Mark Easton  
Alan Caswell  
Hannah Cordes  
Hans Smith  
Aaron Studen – by phone

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Ing-Moody removed the Biochar presentation to be rescheduled for a later meeting at the presenter's request.

### **Public Comment:**

Mark Edson thanked Council Member Smith for taking the time to listen to the concerns that he had on the zoning amendments. He invited Smith to his shop or his home to speak about another issue he sees as a potential problem. He also stated that he spoke to PUD about the 5 power poles that will need to be moved for the new Civic Building and that they indicated it won't be free to the Town. Mayor Ing-Moody thanked him for his comments.

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

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that she is continuing to work on the budget and sees great progress. Yesterday she attended the Okanogan County Tourism meeting where they met to discuss tourism with the consultant hired to do a County wide assessment. The Mayor also reported that she had recently attended the Okanogan Council of Governments meeting where they discussed two ongoing projects – the Mainstreet Program and the Backroads Study. She also attended the Watershed Council meeting where they discussed the public meetings that have been held regarding Water 2066. They have a new brochure coming out in the future.

### **Staff Reports:**

N/A

### **Commission/Committee/Board Reports:**

Council Member Smith reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this week. They are currently working on the budget and believes it is going well. He complimented the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer

Kilmer on the preparation and hard work. He commended the department heads for prioritizing resources for the new year. He feels that the meeting was successful, and they had a good in-depth discussion on the finances.

**Presentation: Twisp Chamber of Commerce – Request for Finances 2020:**

Chamber President Sandy Moody and Marketing Director Jamie Petitto gave a presentation on the changes happening within the Chamber of Commerce and the new proposed budget request. Sandy stated that they currently have over 100 businesses that are paid members of the Chamber and not all are connected to tourism. They are seeing businesses from all industries joining. Their membership has grown 30% in the past year. This year they are asking for an increase of \$4000 in funds to total \$34,000 in requested funds from the Town. They would like to give their new marketing director a raise and increase her hours. Jamie said that the Chamber is the sole organization to promote businesses in Twisp. They are seeing an increase in responses from social media and radio ads. They recently had the Fall Art Walk event and felt it was very successful despite the weather conditions. Jamie has been working on their new website and hopes to have it ready by January 2020.

Council Member Smith would like to review the current revenues and see what is possible financially. The Council will revisit this request once all of the financial research is complete.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/Action: Zoning Amendments:**

Council Member Smith noticed a missing number in the Appendix A of the District Use Chart. Council Member Caswell noticed a discrepancy in the staff report as it relates to minimum dwelling unit sizes. After a brief discussion it was decided that this discussion will be tabled for a future agenda. The staff will communicate with Planner Danison and they will make sure he is available for the next meeting in case there are questions.

**Discussion/Action: Planning Commission Appointment Recommendation – Mark Tesch:**

Mark Tesch introduced himself and stated that he was interested in serving on the Planning Commission. He brings a lot of interest and experience to the position. His letter of intent is included in the Council packet.

Council Member Caswell moved to approve the Mayor's appointment recommendation of Mark Tesch to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

**Executive Session: Potential Litigation (20 Mins):**

Mayor Ing-Moody excused the staff and public at 6:10pm for an executive session. At 6:30 pm Mayor Ing-Moody asked for a 20-minute extension. At 6:50 pm Mayor Ing-Moody resumed the Council Meeting with no action taken following the executive session.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 10/8/2019

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 October 2019.

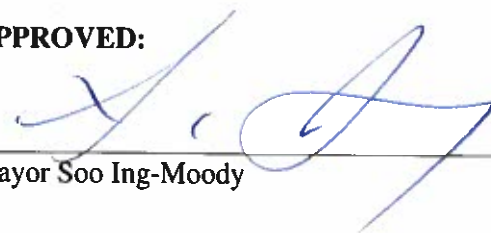
Accounts Payable	EFT# 2407-2408	1183.00	10/22/19
Accounts Payable	Warrants # 35092-35123	466116.50	10/22/19
Payroll	EFT# 2382-2387	6960.00	10/15/19

Council Member Easton moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the requested edits to the meeting minutes. 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 7:05pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer