

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 08/01/14
Special Meeting – 5:00 PM

This meeting was slated to begin at 5:00 pm at the Twisp Town Hall, however with the outbreak of the Rising Eagle Road fire between Twisp and Winthrop on Friday afternoon Governor Inslee was unable to keep his appointment to tour the fire camp at the Liberty Bell High School Incident Command center because of the close proximity of the fire and joined Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Members early

Guests: Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor
Robert Ezelle, Director of the State Emergency Management Division
Bud Hover, Director of the State Department of Agriculture
Major General Bret Daugherty, State Head of Military Department
Sandy Mullins, Senior Policy Advisor

Council Members present: Traci Day
Dwight Filer

The meeting began at 4:35 pm. Governor Inslee and Mayor Ing-Moody were able to discuss several points of interest and concern for the Town of Twisp and the Methow Valley as a whole:

- Challenges related to the prolonged electrical outage and inadequate infrastructure resulting in emergency repairs to enable continued support of firefighting efforts reliant on municipal water.
- Aging Town infrastructure for utilities (Water and Sewer) and limited town staff. The Mayor expressed the need for State assistance to improve the Town's utility systems.
- Inadequate policing staff and communication breakdown. The Mayor requested satellite phones, radios, and evacuation signs to ensure greater public safety.
- Tourism and economic ramifications for local businesses due to the fires and power outages.
- Budgetary constraints causing the inability to fund simple municipal needs. The Mayor expressed the need for greater State support to help the Town remain viable after such a disastrous fire event. She expressed her desire to partner and work with the State in the coming weeks to help the Town as it prepares for a longer term recovery.

Council Member Lloyd joined the meeting at 4:58 pm.

No comments were made by council members and no action was taken.

The meeting was not called to official order due to the lack of a quorum until the meeting was almost complete at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty