

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 12/08/15
5:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

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

Council Member absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Filer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – 2016 Final Budget Hearing

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 5:03 pm to take comments on the 2016 Final Budget hearing. There was no public to make comment at that time. Mayor Ing-Moody noted the Council may further discuss the budget under Old/New Business, as per the agenda. She closed the hearing at 5:04 pm.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Acknowledgement of Traci Day’s Service

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Rick Hale, 323 W. Twisp Avenue, stated that recent Town staffs’ snow plowing had left large berms in the driveways of citizens on W. Twisp Avenue. He asked if something could be done about leaving the berms.

Mr. Hale stated that the ingress and egress to W. Twisp Avenue from SR 20 is dangerous. Signage states that the parking along the Floyd Building is parallel parking but citizens still park diagonally. He stated that there is not enough room for 2 lanes of travel down W. Twisp Avenue with the parking and snow issues.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked Mr. Hale for his comments.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she and staff have been working on the final budget.

- She reported that she will be attending a meeting in Olympia on regional transportation planning as the representative for the Okanogan Council of Governments with area concerns.
- She reported that she and Council Member Fleming with others attended an Okanogan County Commissioners meeting and discussed the distribution of .09 funds. She stated that in past years, the Commissioners have not disbursed the funds to local municipalities as they could have. She stated that Twisp's proration could be used to fund Twisp's proposed Civic building.

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.

Director Denham

- He stated that the digesters at the WWTP have been emptied in preparation for winter storage of the bio solids as the solids stay on site in the winter and are not hauled to a permitted site.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Fleming

- He stated that the Civic Building Committee interviewed and chose a firm to design the Civic building and refine the plans for the shop building.

Council Member Filer, Liaison to Okanogan County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

- He stated that even though his term of office is up the end of the year, he would attend a few OCTA meetings with his replacement as the OCTA liaison to give them background information on the Authority.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: 2015 Outstanding Community Service Awards

Mayor Ing-Moody expressed her feelings on how the disaster of August 19, 2015 defined Twisp and the Methow Valley, in the face of our second natural disaster in two years, and wanted to give special recognition to Chief Budrow and Director Denham for their incredible service to the community during that time.

Mayor Ing-Moody presented Chief Budrow with the Outstanding Community Service award for his dedicated service to the community. She stated that Chief Budrow had gone above the call of duty during the disasters and continues to improve emergency response conditions in Twisp with the development of Nixle, and the implementation of the Community Emergency Recovery Team (CERT) program, and in working with the Methow Valley Long Term Recovery team to revise the Methow Valley Emergency Management Plan and as a partner for the Methow Valley Ready program.

Mayor Ing-Moody presented Director Denham with the Outstanding Community Service award for his dedicated service to the community during the disaster of 2015. She stated that Director Denham, while having one arm in a cast and short staffed, kept the infrastructure of Twisp in working order despite impending danger affecting his family and home in Conconully.

Action: Water and Sewer Rates

New figures to balance the water and sewer funds were presented to the Council. An increase of 14.5% is needed to balance the water fund and an increase of 9.5% is needed to balance the sewer fund.

The Council Members discussed what an increase in the sewer fund above the 9.5% would allow Director Denham to complete in the way of sewer projects. An increase to 12% would fund the selector cell or the aeration project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which are projects that had been removed from the budget due to the need to balance the sewer fund.

The Council Members discussed how hard it is to balance the needs of the aging water and sewer systems with the hardship that higher utility rates put on customers.

Motion:

Council Member Filer moved to approve an increase in the water rates of 14.5% and an increase in the sewer rates of 12%. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed. Council Member Lloyd opposed the action.

Action: Ordinance #699 – 2016 Final Budget

Mayor Ing-Moody gave the Mayor's 2016 Budget Message in which she expressed her optimism for a healthy financial future for Twisp in 2016 and forward.

Motion:

Council member Fleming moved to approve Ordinance #699 the 2016 Final Budget as amended by the additional increase in the sewer rates from 9.5% to 12%. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Action: Resolution #15-568 – 2016 Fee Schedule

The Council Members discussed the change in the Hydrant Meter water rate which has been changed to one tier of \$4.36 per 100 cf and will no longer include the tiers of 0-1,200 cf or 1201-3000 cf.

The Fee Schedule will be changed to reflect the increase in the sewer rate that was just approved by Council.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve resolution #15-568 – 2016 Fee Schedule as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Transportation Benefits District (TBD)

Mayor Ing-Moody has received information from the Department of Licensing giving the number of registered vehicles in the Town of Twisp to be 698. A TBD is allowed to charge \$20 per registered vehicle in the Town limits to be included in the amount paid when citizens renew their vehicle tabs. That number of vehicles would give the Street Fund approximately \$14,000 towards street projects. There is a freeze on completing any street projects in 2016 due to the lack of funds for that department.

Mayor Ing-Moody was given direction from the Council to proceed with the process to form a TBD.

Discussion: SCJ Alliance – Scope of Work – Economic Revitalization Planning Agreement

Mayor Ing-Moody noted the decrease in the agreement amount owed to SCJ Alliance from the previous agreement submitted to the Council. She stated that the first agreement included 3 conceptual plans but that she and David Stipes of SCJ agreed that one plan is sufficient and would help reduce the planning and review time for SCJ Alliance on the Economic Revitalization Plan.

Discussion: Agreement with Lloyd Holdco, LLC for Twisp Community Trail Project In-Kind Match on the RCO Grant Project

The agreement between the Town and Lloyd Holdco, LLC will state the in-kind contribution the Lloyds will contribute to Twisp for the purposes of construction and maintenance of the Trail due to Lloyd choosing not to donate a portion of the Lloyd property for the trail.

Bob Lloyd, representative of the Lloyd family, stated that his family will review the agreement. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that there are timelines associated with Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) to continue with the rest of the trail process. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Mr. Lloyd if the agreement could come back to the Town by the first council meeting of January.

Council Member Fleming excused himself from the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Council Member Fleming will not be attending council meetings in person for a time but will participate in council meetings by phone.

Discussion: State Emergency Division Generator Invoice

Mayor Ing-Moody reminded the Council that the Town had requested generators during the disaster of 2015 to supply power to Town Hall and the water booster stations.

Mayor Ing-Moody is disputing an invoice for generators supplied by the State Military Department as the disputed invoice is from Sunbelt Rentals, with whom the Town has made no agreement.

Mayor Ing-Moody will call the director of the State Military Department and work with him on the issue.

Acknowledgement of Traci Day’s Service

Council Member Filer expressed his sadness that Traci Day was no longer on the Council. He acknowledged her many years of service to the Council, Planning Commission, and Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Ing-Moody agreed with Council Member Filer’s thoughts on Council Member Day’s service to the Town. She stated that Council Member Day will receive a Certificate of Recognition of Service from the Town for her years of service.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes: 8/11/15, 09/08/15, 10/15/15, 10/27,15, and 11/10/15

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 December, 2015.

Payroll	EFTs Trans # 2531-33, 2536,38, 2540-42, 2545-46, 2616-20 Checks # 14123-14128	\$48,757.49	11/30/15
Francotyp-Postalia	EFTs Trans # 2555	\$500.00	12/02/15
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 2556-7	\$1,086.52	12/01/15
Accounts Payable	Checks 31923-31956	\$26,997.81	12/08/15
DOE	Check #31957	\$90.00	12/08/15

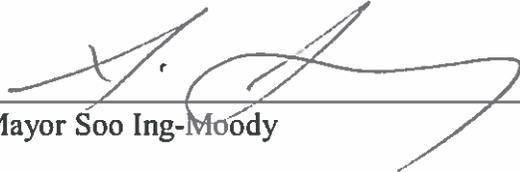
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty