

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 05/22/2018

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

Council Members present: Alan Caswell
Ashley Thrasher
Mark Easton
Aaron Studen
Hans Smith

Council Member absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions: N/A

Prior to taking public comment, Mayor Ing- Moody pointed out the change in policy noted on the revised sign-up sheet. Due to an incident at the last meeting, she explained that verbal abuse and personal attacks would no longer be tolerated during the Public Comment period.

Public Comment:

Bob Hoffman asked the Council to re-consider the one-year airport lease as owners are not able to sell lots with a one year lease in place.

Dick Pattison stated that as a hangar owner, citizen, and member of the Airport Advisory Board he is also concerned with the current one-year lease situation with the airport. He reported his belief that the airport is an important asset to the Town with regards to community safety and public events. He also asked the Council to re-consider the one-year airport lease.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked them for their comments and reminded them that the one-year lease is only temporary and never meant to be permanent. The temporary nature is to allow the new long term lease to be negotiated and approved by Council.

Mark Edson reported that the Council was about to vote on changing the sign ordinance yet there were illegal signs all over town. He presented to the Council pictures he had taken of these signs. The Council and Mayor informed Mr. Edson that the action being taken on the sign ordinance was a simple change to some vague language and not to the items Mr. Edson was referring to.

Leone Edson reported she had been fined and had a court date for a sign that was removed from her property. She stated that Director Denham was out of line removing the sign from her property. She also stated that Mark Edson was upset at the last meeting because they feel like they are not being heard and are being singled out over the sign issue. She also asked the Mayor and Council what Town was doing about the "picker cabin at the top of the hill."

Mayor Ing – Moody reminded the Edson’s that the staff do not answer questions during meetings unless Council directed. The purpose of the meeting is for the Council to conduct town business and her job is to keep the process moving forward productively using Robert’s Rules of Order. She explained that public comment is always welcome though dialogue during meetings should not be expected. She assured Ms. Edson that the Council is there to listen and can follow up should they feel the need to. She thanked the Edson’s for their comments.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Ing – Moody reported she had attended the Methow Valley Emergency Plan Committee Meeting which is held quarterly. She stated that new information was added in revising the plan. She stated she and Director Denham had been working with the current flooding issue affecting 25 feet of trail in the park. She stated that the Dept of Ecology had reviewed the drainage issue in the Painters Addition and will be presenting some long term options to remedy the situation. The Mayor reported she and Director Denham had met to discuss the placement of lighting for the Glover Street project and the Gateway project. Progress is being made and the committee will report on that later. She informed the Council that she will be meeting with Senator Murray’s staff the following day to discuss town business.

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. There were no questions for staff.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton reported he had attended the TERC meeting the previous week and the group discussed two items. The first topic of discussion was the downtown lighting project on Glover St. He stated that Director Denham had presented the group with lighting options that were solar powered and could be installed easily without much preparation and maintenance. Glover Street would gain additional lighting and the group discussed the possibility of lighting some side streets to the highway as well. Council Member Easton also reported that the group had discussed and voted on the potential locations for the Gateway art project as well as the language submitted in the requests for proposals. Director Denham stated he had since met with the DOT regarding the locations of the art installations and that the original location on the South end would have to be reconsidered. He met with the Mayor and an alternative location may be possible but would need to be approved by the board to give the artists an exact location for the project.

Council Member Caswell reported he had attended the Planning Commission meeting the previous week and the group continued to hold open the public hearing regarding the subdivision code as Planner Danison was not present. He stated the group discussed the proposed changes to the sign ordinance and the zoning code in detail.

Council Member Studen reported he had attended the TranGO meeting the previous week and the discussion was regarding the new bus stop being built in Twisp. He stated the group approved full funding for the project and they also discussed the possibility of a bus stop at the airport as well. He reported there was a van pool being used to carry the lifeguards from Twisp to Okanogan for their training the following week and that the group had also discussed the possibility of future transportation to the Wenatchee area.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported she had attended the OCOG Committee meeting and the Methow Watershed Council meeting. The MWC meeting included a discussion on changing the quorum rules but the group decided to keep the current quorum rules. She stated she would be joining the AWC Legislative Committee and that the first meeting would be in Seattle in late May.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: Airport Hangar Lease-

Council Member Smith gave the group the status of where the Town and Airport Advisory board was on the new Airport Hangar Lease. He reviewed the fact that the lease that was originally presented was a draft of the Okanogan Airport Lease with changes added. Council Member Smith located the 2008 airport lease which was the last document drafted and reviewed by the Town's legal counsel. He reviewed with the group what the true costs of operating the airport are to the Town and presented a spreadsheet that gave scenarios with regard to covering the costs of the operations and maintenance and potential future investments in capital projects. He stated the Town would like to add language regarding insurance, lease rates, subleasing and conveyance based on recommendations from legal counsel. The Mayor asked the staff and Council to make any recommendations for Council Member Smith to take to the next Airport Advisory Board Meeting on June 6th. Director Denham reported he felt that the cost numbers presented by Council Member Smith were accurate and fairly represented the true costs of operating the airport. Council Member Thrasher asked if the old lease agreements would remain in place. Council Member Smith reported that yes, the pilots could remain in their current leases and not sign into a new lease agreement with the Town until one was accepted. He stated he hoped that the new lease would entice pilots to change over in order to help fund future capital projects for the airport. Council Member Studen stated that there had been discussion at the last meeting regarding setting up a separate capital fund for the airport projects only. The group agreed to send the current proposed lease as presented by Council Member Smith to the Airport Advisory Board meeting for review.

Action: Award of 2018 Downtown Waterline Improvements project.

Motion: Council Member Smith moved to approve the Award of the 2018 Downtown Waterline Improvements project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Action: Ordinance #730 – 2018 Budget Amendment.

Motion: Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance #730 – 2018 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thrasher and passed unanimously.

Action: Ordinance #731 - Sign Ordinance Amendment.

Motion: Council Member Thrasher moved to approve Ordinance #731 – Sign Ordinance Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Action: Okanogan County Transportation Committee Surface Transportation Block Grant

Motion: Council Member Smith moved to approve the Okanogan County Transportation Committee Surface Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thrasher and passed unanimously.

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 May, 2018.

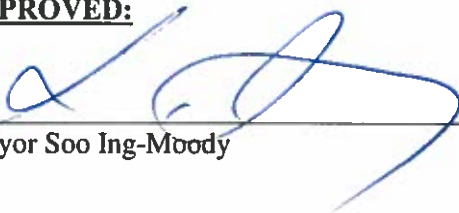
John Deere Financial	EFT #1249	142.92	05/15/2018
US Dept of Ag Rural	EFT #1250	683.00	05/15/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #33984-#34010	34438.29	05/22/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #34011-34016	378.00	05/22/2018
Payroll	EFT #1221-1223 And warrant #14352	\$3,510.00	05/15/2018

Council Member Thrasher 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 6:36 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty