

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 12/09/14
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Council Members present: John Fleming
 Dwight Filer
 Traci Day
 Aaron Studen

Council Member absent: Bob Lloyd

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Final Budget – Ordinance #685

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing to take testimony on Ordinance #685, the 2015 Final Budget at 7:05 pm. There was no public in attendance. Mayor-Ing Moody reviewed her Mayor's Message with the Council. She reported that the 2015 Budget is balanced and addresses needs and services expected for the upcoming year. She noted a 12% increase to water rates, and a 14% increase to sewer rates, which includes a \$10,000 contingency fund for each.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve Ordinance #685 the Final 2015 Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Discussion: Date and Time of next Council Meeting
 Discussion: Future Water/Sewer Hikes

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody did not give a report at this time.

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.

Public Works Director Denham

Director Denham was asked about the Lincoln Street project. It was discussed that parking blocks will be installed to keep vehicles from crossing the sidewalk and entering the park's grass.

Director Denham was asked about the value and cost of a water/sewer rate study. He noted that in his experience, the studies are expensive but do have value. At this time though, he feels the Town's funds would be better spent on necessary water/sewer projects.

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that there is a Sewer Fund Coalition just starting up and we could research if help from that group would be beneficial.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Filer-Liaison to Okanogan County Transit Authority

Council Member Filer reported that OCTA board members are presently working on policies and procedures for the Authority.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Re-Appointment to the Civil Service Commission – Position #1

Civil Service Commissioner Terry Larson, in an email, stated interest in his re-appointment to the Civil Service Commission for another term.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to approve the appointment of Terry Larson to another term on the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Re-appointment to the Planning Commission - Positions #1 and #4

The terms of office for Planning Commissioners Vicki Hallowell and Carolanne Steinebach would expire December 31, 2014. Both Commissioners stated their interest to reappointment, in writing.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the reappointment of Commissioners Hallowell and Steinebach for another term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Submittal of a USDA Grant Application for a new Police Department Vehicle

Chief Budrow is asking the Council for approval to submit an application to USDA Rural Development to purchase a new police vehicle. The loan on the police department's 2009 Tahoe has been paid off and the Chief would like to replace the oldest vehicle in his fleet.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to give Mayor Ing-Moody the authority to sign appropriate documents necessary for the purchase of a 2015 Tahoe through the USDA Rural Development grant and loan process. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Resolution #14-549 - 2015 Salary Schedule

Mayor Ing-Moody explained that the salary range for clerk/treasurer, police chief and public works director have been changed in the Salary Schedule to better reflect the salary ranges of similarly sized cities. The wage for a pool lifeguard has been changed to match the Washington State 2015 minimum wage increase.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the salary range changes to the clerk/treasurer, police chief, lifeguard, and public works director positions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee Reformation

Presently, there is not a stand alone Parks and Recreation Committee (P/R) for the Town of Twisp. Parks and Recreation issues have been overseen by the Planning Commission. The Council discussed reinstating the P/R Committee which would allow the Planning Commission to direct their attention to zoning, Comprehensive Plan, and land use actions. A P/R Committee could then focus on the Town's future trails and recreation projects. This issue will be brought before the Council again early in 2015 after some review of the expected duties required of each committee and commission member.

Date of Next Council Meeting

The date of the next regularly scheduled council meeting would be December 23rd, the week of Christmas. Mayor Ing-Moody asked the Council if they would like to meet at an earlier or later date.

Action:

The Council will meet on December 19th at 3:00 at Town Hall for the second Council meeting of December.

Future Water/Sewer Rate Increases

Council Member Fleming stated that he would like to see future water/sewer rate increases associated with designated projects. He stated that the public would be able to better relate to increases with specific goals for infrastructure improvements. The Council reviewed the rate increase Fact Sheet that Clerk Moriarty prepared, and agreed that a Fact Sheet would also put the rate increases into perspective for the public.

Mayor Ing-Moody and Council discussed the absence of state funding presently through the Public Works Trust Fund, as that funding source has in recent years, been diverted for education.

Action:

Mayor Ing-Moody will compose a letter to our legislators stating her and the Council's concern over the lack of funding for public works infrastructure needs to the state.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 11/13/14 and 11/25/14

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 9th day of December, 2014.

Payroll	Checks 13924-13941 EFTS Trans #2778-2782	\$47,621.11	11/30/14
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 2691-2693	\$2,341.51	12/01/14
Accounts Payable	Checks 31107-31142	\$34,145.94	12/09/14
Accounts Payable	Checks 31143 & 31144	\$46,841.90	12/09/14

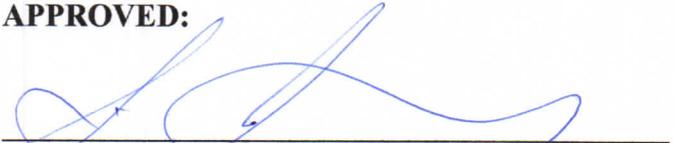
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty