

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 04/12/16

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

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Aaron Studen
 Alan Caswell
 John Fleming
 Hans Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Lloyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in Council Member Fleming

Mayor Ing-Moody swore Council Member Fleming in for a second term of office. Council Member Fleming was approved by the voters at the last election but had been gone for the winter.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) hired Highlands Associates as the consultant firm to create the regional transportation plan for OCOG.
- She noted that she was looking forward to the Council Retreat on April 15th & 16th with council members and staff.

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.

Chief Budrow

Council Member Fleming noted that he had seen Chief Budrow in uniform and vehicle for the Winthrop Marshall's Office. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she approved Chief Budrow filling in at Winthrop on his Fridays off from the Twisp department with the understanding that if there were a major issue in

Twisp, he would respond to Twisp. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that Winthrop is still advertising to fill the vacant positions in the Marshall's Office.

Clerk Moriarty

- She reported as Civil Service Secretary that on April 21st there will be 2 or 3 applicants participating in oral boards to interview for the lateral police position on the Twisp department.
- She reported that the State Auditors have completed their audit of 2014-15 and Twisp passed with flying colors.
- She reported that Twisp will file with the County Auditor's office to put the Emergency Management Services levy before the voters on the 2016 ballot.

PW Director Denham

- He reported that the E. Twisp Ave. from Hwy 20 to N. Lincoln St. project will be rebid due to bid submittals coming in over the cost of the project. He is working with SJC Alliance to trim costs to lower the overall cost of the project.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Studen – Liaison to Okanogan County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

- He reported that OCTA has created bus travel zones, prices for daily rides and monthly pass prices. He stated that OCTA will hire locally to fill the positions for bus drivers in our area.

Council Members Studen and Smith – Public Safety Sub-Committee

- Council Member Studen reported that he, Mayor Ing-Moody, and Council Member Smith met with Interim Fire Chief Cody Acord and discussed the letter sent by the Town expressing concern with the Okanogan County Fire District #6's command structure during incidents. Chief Acord gave a detailed organizational chart that showed him as the commander, and former Chief Waller in a special appointment. The second in command position is not filled at this time due to financial restraints. The upcoming expiration of the contracted fire services between the Town and District #6 which ends December 31, 2017 was discussed and formal talks will start this fall. Annexation into District #6 was also discussed.

Council Member Caswell - Liaison to Parks and Recreation

- He reported that he attended a recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, met the Commissioners, and listened to their discussion. He reported that Chairman Morgan is resigning his position on the commission. Commissioner Steinebach will be resigning also. The two remaining commissioners are Bruce Morrison and Gayle Clemens. The Commissioners stated to him that they believe there needs to be long terms goals for the Parks and Recreation Commission or a repurposing of the Commission. He stated that the Commissioners will wait to hear from the Town about scheduling their next meeting.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission would be on the Council retreat agenda. She also stated that she and the Town valued the work that has been done by the Commissioners.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Transportation Benefits District

There was consensus of the Council that the Town will go to the voters requesting a sales tax increase to benefit the street fund for the Town. The \$20 per vehicle registration fee that was discussed at previous meetings would not allow the Town to complete sufficient street projects and would only be assessed to citizens living in the town limits. A sales tax increase would apply to all who made purchases in Twisp and was felt to be more equitable.

The Council members asked Clerk Moriarty to submit at the next regular meeting a spreadsheet showing the value of .1%, .15%, and .2% sale tax increase using a three year average of sales tax revenue. Director Denham was asked to submit a list of potential projects that would match the estimated revenue.

The Council discussed the timeline to submit a ballot request to the County Auditor and how soon the Town would see the revenue if the ballot was passed by the citizens of Twisp.

Action: Approval of the CERB Grant Agreement

The Council approved Resolution #15-566 - approving An Agreement for Professional Services between the Town of Twisp and SCJ Alliance for the purpose of economic revitalization on November 24, 2015. The agreement was submitted to Council for their review at this time.

Motion:

The motion was made by Council Member Studen to approve the agreement with SCJ Alliance as written and to give Mayor Ing-Moody authority to sign the agreement to provide an economic revitalization plan for the Town. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Action: Author's Request to Reference "Twisp" in a Fictional Book

Author Jim Jenkins is writing a fictional book in which the Town of Twisp is one of the locations used in the book. He was asking for permission to use "Twisp" in his book.

It was a consensus of Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council that though the Town appreciated his request, they do not wish to take action on this matter.

Action: TwispWorks – Request for 2% Tourism Funds

TwispWorks is asking for 2% tourism funds to help fund a new program called Methow Skills which encompasses an 18 week series of creative and skills-based workshops inspired by life in the Methow Valley. The advertising would be used to promote the program to out-of-towners which is one of the functions of 2% tourism dollars.

It was noted that many of the non-profits that in previous years had applied for Twisp's tourism funds have no longer applied as requirements have changed and extensive reporting is now required by the

State. It was also noted that Methow Skills is the type of program that is part of TwispWorks master plan of education and incubation of new businesses.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to grant approval of TwispWorks request for \$2,000 from the 2% Tourism fund to help fund the Methow Skills classes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll

Francotyp-Postalia	EFTs Trans #645	\$500.00	03/23/16
Dept. of Licensing	Check # 32172	\$ 47.75	03/30/16
Payroll	EFTs Trans # 658-9, 661-2, 664-66, 670-72, 692-96 Checks # 14159- 14165	\$55,139.42	03/31/16
Accounts Payable	Checks 32173-32208	\$30,587.11	04/12/16
Payroll	EFTs Trans # 755-7 Checks 14166-67	\$4,160.00	04/15/16

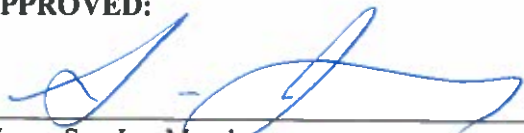
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Town Council. The following voucher/checks are approved for payment by a majority vote on this 12nd day of April, 2016.

Council Member Studen 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 6:40 pm.

APPROVED:



 Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



 Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty