

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 10/28/2014
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 John Fleming
 Dwight Filer

Council Member absent: Traci Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – 2015 Six Year Capital Facilities Plan - Resolution #14-546

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing to take comments on the Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) 2015-2020.

There was no public present to make comment on the plan.

Clerk Moriarty noted that in the Airport Improvements section of the CFP: Water Service Restroom and Water System for fire protections, municipal use will be moved to the Water System section of the CFP.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that in the Town Hall/Police Department section of the CFP: 2nd bathroom, Police Department air conditioning and Council Room Improvements, carpet, new lights and heater will be removed. Town Hall Improvements will be changed to state Town Hall Plan/Construction with an estimated cost of \$2,225,000.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the Capital Facilities Plan 2015-2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Methow Watershed Council Appointment

Deletions:

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She stated that she attended the Methow Valley Long Term Recovery Organization meeting where information was shared with the community on recovery. Another meeting is planned for January.
- She stated that the Phoenix Festival was well attended. Representative Hawkins attended the Festival with his family. Senator Cantwell sent a letter of support of the long term recovery effort; which was the theme of the Festival.
- She stated that she attended and was asked to speak at the Association of Washington Cities regional conference in Chelan. She spoke about lessons learned from the fires and floods and shared how communities can better prepare themselves for emergencies.
- She stated that she facilitated an Okanogan Council of Governments meeting that she co-chairs. The OCOG is developing its by-laws. Human Services Transportation plan (HSTP) funding priorities were also discussed.
- She reported that she will be attending a Post-Disaster meeting in Pateros, where cities affected by this summer's disasters will be planning to state their infrastructure needs to legislators. In addition to Representative Condotta who sponsored the facility for inclusion in the 2014 supplemental capital budget, Senator Parlette has now had a tour and Representative Hawkins has become more familiar with our needs.
- She reported that the need for a new town hall for Twisp is being heard and understood by our legislators.
- She reported that the 2012/2013 exit audit with the State Auditor's Office for the Town will be October 31st.
- She reported that she and Clerk Moriarty are working on the 2015 Budget and she will be scheduling a finance sub-committee meeting sometime in November.

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 asked by the Council of Department Heads.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

There were no additional reports given by Council Members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Methow Watershed Council Appointment

Persons wanting to join the Methow Watershed Council need to have the approval of two of the three lead agencies of the Council which are Twisp, Okanogan County Commissioners, and the Methow Valley Irrigation District. Penelope Kern has the tentative approval of the County Commissioners and is asking for the approval of the Town Council to join the Watershed Council.

Approval by the Town Council, will give Hans Smith, the Town's liaison to the Methow Watershed Council the go ahead to vote for Mrs. Kern when her appointment is brought before the Watershed Council.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the appointment of Penelope Kern to the Methow Watershed Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Twisp Library Lease

The Town pays the rent for the North Central Regional Library (NCRL) satellite library that is located in the Methow Valley Community Center. The NCRL reimburses the Town an amount as noted on the contract between the Town and NCRL for the library rental space.

The Methow Valley Community Center is proposing a square footage increase to a more realistic rental fee for all the units in the Center.

Clerk Moriarty supplied a spreadsheet showing the proposed increase to the library rent as compared to what is reimbursed to the Town by the NCRL.

Council members had many questions about the Town/NCRL contract including the origin of the agreement between the library and the town. There were also questions about the reason and amount of cost increase from the Community Center.

Action: Clerk Moriarty will research the library and the Community Center questions for the Council.

Support Letter Economic Development District

Mayor Ing-Moody noted the North Central Washington Economic Development District is not only asking for a letter of support but also funds to help with the development of an economic plan for the fire affected areas.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she is looking into using 2% monies to fund our portion of the economic plan since 2% monies and tourism were affected by the disaster areas. She will inform the Council of what she learns about the issue. Otherwise, she states there is no money in the budget for this project.

Council Applicant Interviews

The Mayor and Council have advertised for a person or persons to apply to fill the vacancy in the council left by Council Member Estes stepping down. Tom Gehring, a former council member and Aaron Studen, a new resident to town, have both applied.

Both applicants were asked the same questions by the Mayor and Council without the other applicant in attendance.

Executive Session: Evaluate Candidates Qualifications for Public Office

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the executive session at 8:32 for a 20 minute session to evaluate qualifications of the two candidates for public office. The Mayor came out of executive session and added another 10 minutes to the session.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the executive session at 9:02 pm. The Mayor and Council then came into open council session.

Council Member Filer thanked Tom Gehring for his time of service as a previous council member and his thoughtful interview answers. They also thanked Aaron Studen for considering public service and also his thoughtful interview answers. He stated that the Council had deliberated and found it a tough decision but felt that they wished to encourage new candidates when they qualify.

Motion:

Council Member Filer moved to approve the appointment of Aaron Studen to the Twisp Town Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 10/14/14

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 28th day of October, 2014.

Accounts Payable	#31017-31027	\$13,278.31	10/28/14
US Rural Development	EFTs Trans #2385-2387	\$1,354.00	10/28/14
Accounts Payable	#31028-31031	\$252.00	10/31/14
Accounts Payable	#31032-31034	\$82,692.18	10/28/14

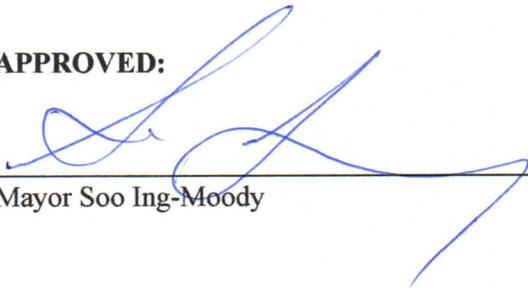
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty