

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 04/26/16

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 Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: SR-20 Curb & Sidewalk Improvement Project, Local Parks Category Grant, FEMA Generator Grant

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 she will be attending the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Mayors Exchange in Wenatchee on Wednesday of this week and meeting with other mayors and city executives about issues of concern.
- She reported that she and Council Member Caswell will be attending an AWC co-sponsored Local Government Leadership Forum on the Role of Elected Officials in Emergency Management on Thursday of this week. The one day training will focus on all types of emergency situations, including fire.
- She reported that the AWC Small Cities Connector will be held in Oroville on May 9th and she encouraged all council members to attend. She noted that it is an excellent opportunity to network with other elected officials.
- She reported that she, Chief Budrow and Director Denham will be attending the emergency table top exercise facilitated by the WA State Military Department sponsored by Methow Valley Long Term recovery on May 10th at the Winthrop Barn. An escalating virtual mock drill will be part of the day's events.
- She reported that the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) of which she is the co-chair has started prioritizing what will be in the regional transportation planning document for Okanogan County. The plan will cross jurisdictional lines in Okanogan County and will include public safety and maintenance of transportation routes. The plan is for the State's fiscal year 2017-18.

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 reported that N. Lincoln Street now has signage designating parking only on the east side from E. Twisp Avenue into the Twisp Park. During large events, those signs will be covered to allow for parking on both sides of the street.
- He reported that Barri Bernier and Garth Mudge have used the services of a directional drilling company to tap into the town's water main on S. Glover St. for their lot at 214 S. Glover St.
- He reported that the municipal pool has been commissioned. Work will start soon on Phase 1 of the pool improvement to reline the pool. The plan is for the pool to be in operation by the middle of June so as not to miss the usual start date by too many days.
- The parks are now being watered and mowed and spring maintenance is progressing well with the addition of the new public works employee whose main focus is to the parks.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Hans Smith – Liaison to the Methow Watershed Council (MWC)

- He reported that Lee Hatcher has resigned from his volunteer position as coordinator for the MWC. He will continue to keep the Council updated on MWC progress on water issues.

Council Member Alan Caswell – Liaison to the Planning Commission (P/C)

- He reported that he attended a Planning Commission meeting, met the Commissioners, and listened to discussions on changes to the Sign Ordinance. He reported that the P/C will be sending a recommendation to the Council for changes to the Sign Ordinance. He also reported that Director Denham and the Commissioners had an in-depth discussion on non-motorized transportation improvements in Twisp.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: Methow at Home

Deirdre Cassidy and Betsy Weiss gave a presentation on Methow at Home, an organization that offers services and opportunities enabling members to continue to live at home for as long as possible to actively engage in the community's civic and cultural life.

To date, there are 92 members and 60 plus volunteers to help members with different needs. The council members were asked to share information on Methow at Home with those who might be interested.

Update: Twisp Business Park Determination

Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Smith submitted a letter to the Council stating that their extensive review of the public/private partnership between the Town and Lloyd Holdco has been

completed. In the letter it is stated “it appears that no unresolved obligations exist on the part of the property owner towards the Town of Twisp. In addition, there is evidence that all agreed upon payments have been satisfied.” The letter also in part stated “Based on our updated knowledge and our desire to serve in the best interest of our community, we believe that the most productive path forward is to work with the property owners to achieve the project’s intended goal of increasing Twisp’s economic vitality, thereby enhancing the Town of Twisp as a desirable place to live and work.”

Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Smith were thanked for their due diligence on the issue and the well written letter.

Action: Resolution #16-576 – Older Americans Month Proclamation

May is Honor Older Americans month. The Town annually passes a resolution celebrating and recognizing older Americans for their contributions to our community. Mayor Ing-Moody invited the council members to have lunch at the Senior Center with her and Clerk Moriarty in May when they deliver the proclamation.

Motion:

Council Member Studen made the motion to approve Resolution #16-576 – Proclaiming Older Americans Month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Transportation Benefits District

The Council had, at previous meetings, discussed and then voted to establish a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Clerk Moriarty submitted a fact sheet using an average of the past three years of sales tax revenue and included information on what an additional 0.1%, 0.15 % or 0.2% sales tax increase would afford for transportation needs.

Director Denham submitted a Funding Comparison spreadsheet showing which street projects could be completed using the amounts shown on Clerk Moriarty’s projected revenue fact sheet.

It was noted that the 0.2% increase to sales tax will allow for more than street maintenance projects; it would allow for the completion of street improvement projects. It was also noted that there is a ten year time limit on the sales tax increase before it has to go to the voters again. It was also discussed that the amount of the sales tax could also be reduced by a vote of the citizens.

Motion:

Council Member Studen made the motion to put a 0.2% sales tax increase before the voters of Twisp to fund a Transportation Benefit District. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Action: Approve the Submission of a Youth Athletic Facility Grant and Approve the Submission of a Local Parks Grant through Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)

Council Member Fleming is working on a Recreation and Conservation Office Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Grant application. This grant application is for \$250,000 and would partially fund Phase 1 of the sports fields construction at the Town property next to the airport.

In addition, Mayor Ing-Moody is working on a (RCO) Local Parks Category Grant application for \$250,000 to supplement the RCO grant that Council Member Fleming is completing for the YAF. Together these two grants would fund the first phase of the project.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve submittal of both grants for a Youth Athletic Facilities and a Local Parks Grant to Recreation and Conservation Office. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed. Council Member Fleming abstained from voting.

Discussion: Pool Fees

Director Denham submitted pool fees information from Twisp and other communities. He is asking council members to increase the amount of the daily charge for a child's pass. A child's recreation swim daily pass is currently \$2.25 a session. The proposed increase would raise this amount to \$3.00.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to increase the rate for a child's pass to \$3.00 a session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Action: Division of Emergency Management - Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement

The Town of Twisp will be receiving four generators for public works emergency use. The generators will be movable to different Town sights if needed. Presently, the plan is to use the four generators at town hall, the booster station on W. 2nd Avenue, and the sewer lift stations.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant program for the Twisp Generator Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Discussion: SR-20 Curb and Sidewalk Improvements Project

Director Denham submitted drawings for the SR-20 Curb and Sidewalk Improvement Project for Council review. There are properties involved in the project that have issues with rights-of-way and parking limitations. Final changes made to the plans made by Varela and Associates have been sent to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for their review.

Council Member Lloyd, in full disclosure, stated that his family owns some of the property in discussion on the SR-20 project.

Director Denham reported that a Town sewer main to the sewer treatment plant is located in the project. He is also looking into the future and there is an opportunity to discuss an emergency egress from Riverside Avenue to SR-20 because of this project.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 03/22/16 and 04/12/16

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 26th day of April, 2016.

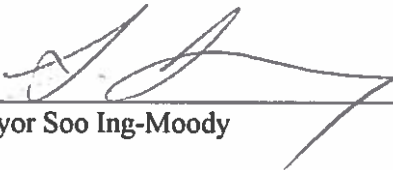
E. WA. Financial Officers Assn.	Check # 32209	\$80.00	04/13/16
Accounts Payable	Checks #32210-32241	\$34,136.20	04/26/16
Accounts Payable	Checks #32242-32247	\$378,00	04/29/16
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 791	\$683.00	04/28/16

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty