

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 10/23/2018

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Ordinance #740 – Property Taxes Levy/Ad Valorem:

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the public hearing for the approval of Ordinance #740 – Property Taxes Levy/Ad Valorem at 5:31 p.m. She asked the public for comments and if anyone believed that any member of the Council should not vote on the subject. Mark Edson stated that he would like to object and vote no. His opinion is that it is another form of taxation without representation and he thinks the town citizens would vote no if given the chance. The Mayor thanked Mark for his comments and asked Council if they were ready to move on the Ordinance.

Action: Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance #740 – Property Taxes Levy/Ad Valorem as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing – Moody closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Public Hearing – Ordinance #741 – Emergency Medical Services Levy:

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the public hearing for the approval of Ordinance #741 – Emergency Medical Services Levy at 5:33 p.m. She asked the public for comments and if anyone believed that any member of the Council should not vote on the subject. Mark Edson stated he would like to object as it is another form of taxation without representation. The Mayor thanked Mark for his comments and asked Council if they were ready to move on the Ordinance.

Action: Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance #741 Emergency Medical Services Levy as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing – Moody closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Executive Session – Litigation:

Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. to discuss litigation for approximately 30 minutes. At 6:07 p.m. Mayor Ing- Moody announced the extension of the executive session for approximately 15 minutes.

Mayor Ing – Moody reconvened back into regular session at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor Ing – Moody made a statement that the TORT Claim submitted by Aspen Beach LLC was being denied by the Town Council.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: N/A

Public Comment:

Dick Pattison would like to thank Hans for his effort, energy and responses on Natalie’s lease draft for the airport. He would like to reiterate the commitment to adopt a new lease, and for us to come up with a lease that works for both parties.

Mark Edson suggested the possibility of having a meeting packet available for the public to use during the Council Meeting so that they can follow along with what the Council is talking about. He stated that he knows he can request one through public records request but that he didn’t feel he should have to pay for one.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that she continues to work on the 2019 budget with department heads.

Staff Reports:

Chief Budrow is away at training this week. Andrew is currently attending the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Conference in Wenatchee. The Town had its audit exit interview today and it went well. There was one management letter with a recommendation for the pool, otherwise it was a great audit.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton reported on the Chamber of Commerce meeting and that they would be giving a presentation at tonight’s meeting regarding the requested budget increase and what they would like to use it for.

Council Member Smith reported on the Airport Advisory Board meeting that was held last week. He felt it was a productive meeting and discussed the application for the South Taxiway Project funding. He feels that ore direction from T-O Engineering and Washington State Department of Transportation is needed. They had an in-depth discussion on the latest version of the lease that is to be discussed later in the Council Meeting.

Council Member Smith reported on the Finance Committee joining the audit exit interview with the Auditors earlier in the day and that Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty did a “screaming” job on the audits. There were three separate audits and it resulted in one management letter recommendation for the pool.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: Twisp Chamber of Commerce – Hotel/Motel 2% Fund Request for 2019

Chamber President Sandy Moody and Marketing Director Jamie Petitto gave a presentation on the changes happening within the Chamber of Commerce and the new proposed budget request. Sandy stated that membership is up this year at 97 and they have become more active with hosting events in the community. They’ve also hired Jamie to assist them with more internal/external marketing to help drive tourism to Twisp. They presented an outline that is included in the packet of how they would like to spend the funds. Most importantly they would like to design a new website and create new marketing brochures that can bring tourism in from outlying areas to better market our town. They would like to create maps for distribution that will show the various business and where they are located, as well as a directory of all businesses.

Council Member conversation included questions as to whether the fully anticipated 2% was being collected and it was determined that the 2% has been trending down about 25% in revenue this year. Council asked what the Chamber’s priorities would be if they would not be receiving the entirety of the requested funds. The response was that they would like to keep the new website as the main priority and increase external marketing.

Council Member Smith offered to review the request and take a more in-depth look at the numbers with the Finance Committee.

Discussion: Airport Lease:

Council Member Smith opened the discussion on the proposed changes to the Airport Lease. He felt that Natalie’s revisions provided a thoughtful framework and clarification by rewording sentences. He is comfortable with the 4 items listed in Natalie’s response and feels it’s worthy of Council discussions. The 4 points discussed were:

1. Paragraph 3 – Use and Care of Premises
2. Paragraph 4 – Right of Inspection
3. Paragraph 5 – Insurance
4. Paragraph 9 – Default

Action: NCW Drug Task Force 2019 Agreement:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the North Central Washington Narcotics Task Force 2019 Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Draft Tree Ordinance:

Council Member Smith would like more time to review and add to Scott’s version of the Draft prior to Council discussion. He will review the draft with Dwight Filer and bring an updated version to Council at a later date.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes October 9, 2018

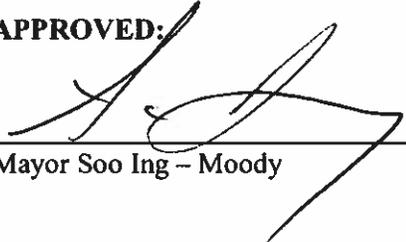
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Town Council. The following voucher/checks are approved for payment by a majority vote on this 23rd day of October 2018.

Accounts Payable	Warrant #34340-34373	63573.40	10/23/2018
Accounts Payable	EFT #2582	683.00	10/28/2018
Payroll	EFT #2486-2489, Warrants #14411	4610.00	10/15/2018

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:


 Mayor Soo Ing – Moody

ATTEST:


 Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty