

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 12/11/2018

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

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

Council Members absent: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – 2019 Final Budget:

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m.

There were no public present for questions or comments. Mayor Ing – Moody read her Mayor's message aloud and announced that the 2019 Budget was balanced.

There being no further comment from Council and no Public present, Mayor Ing – Moody closed the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Director Denham requests to have the following action items added to the agenda:

- Varela contract Amendment No. 2018-007 for the Canyon Street Water Main Replacement Design.
- Contract for Design Engineering of Canyon Street Reconstruction between Varela Engineering and Town of Twisp.

Public Comment: N/A

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that the AWC Board passed their budget and set priorities for 2019. She encouraged all to attend the Annual Meeting scheduled for February as it is a great way to network with other cities and understand what is happening in other areas.

Mayor Ing – Moody was once again nominated to Chair OCOG. The next meeting is February 11th, 2019.

Mayor Ing – Moody stated that this will be the last Council Meeting of 2018. There are a few staff events coming up next week. On Monday, Town Hall will be closed during the lunch hours of 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. so that Staff may attend the Staff Christmas Party located at the Public Works building. Town Hall will also be closing early on Monday December 24th, at 1pm.

Staff Reports:

Staff Reports are included with the packet.

Director Denham reported that we have had our first snow of the season and there is some follow up with residents based on comments that were made. He also stated that he will be working with the Public Works staff on how to be more effective while plowing. He also reported that there is a bad motor on the mixer at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that needs to be replaced.

Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty reported that the Administrative Assistant position is still vacant and has not received any qualified applicants. We also have not received any Council Member letters yet, although everything has been advertised. It was decided that Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty would advertise for all Town vacancies in one ad in an attempt to start off the new year with full committees.

Chief Budrow reported that there have been some counterfeit bills surfacing in local businesses and to pay attention to the cash you are given back. They are appearing in 20s, 50s, and 100s although they could also be in 5s and 10s. They are sophisticated in that they look and feel real, but are missing the hidden strip that shows up when you hold the bill up to light.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports: Nothing to report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Action: Ordinance #746 – 2019 Final Budget:

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Ordinance # 746 – 2019 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Public Restrooms:

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the discussion on the status of the Public Restrooms. The Town facilitated the renovation of the Public Restrooms in an agreement with the MERC which resulted in a 99-year contract that would keep the restrooms open and maintained for public use. Recently there have been issues with vandalism and drug use that are making it hard to maintain. Currently Public Works has been cleaning and maintaining the restrooms as the position went advertised without being filled. The Merc, Twisp Chamber, and Town Council need to come up with a viable plan as to what to do with the Public Restrooms for the long-term future. More discussion will follow later once the finer details are worked out. Mayor Ing – Moody would like to share this discussion with the Twisp Economic Revitalization Committee for their information and any potential input.

Discussion: Methow Valley Community Center Library space rent increase and 2019 Contract:

The Town received the new North Central Regional Library 2019 contract that it has with the Methow Valley Community Center. The contract included space previously not part of the original lease agreement. It was determined that the additional space was to accommodate the storage of books by the Friends of the Library for their book sale. This need for additional space was not brought to the attention of the Council until the Community Center began to charge for it. After much discussion, Council concluded that they do not wish to expand into a second space for purposes of book storage since the Town could not get reimbursed by the library system for this additional space. Clerk Moriarty will reach out to both parties to inform them of the decision.

Action: Resolution #18-636 – Fee Schedule:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution #18-636- Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Action: Ordinance #744 – Business Licenses:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance # 744 Business Licenses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Transportation Improvement Board Award/Contract – Canyon Street Project:

Director Denham wanted to announce that the additional \$40,000 that we received in the TIB Award will go to add more sidewalk to the opposite side of Canyon Street so that the sidewalk stretches from 5th to SR 20 on the Westside. Between 5th – 3rd the sidewalk will be on both sides of Canyon Street.

Action: Contract for Design Engineering of Canyon Street Reconstruction between Varela Engineering and Town of Twisp:

Council Member Caswell moved to approve the Contract for Design Engineering of Canyon Street Reconstruction between Varela Engineering and Town of Twisp. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Action: Varela Contract Amendment No. 2018-007 for the Canyon Street Water Main Replacement Design:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Varela Contract Amendment No. 2018-007 for the Canyon Street Water Main Replacement Design. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Action: Ordinance #745 – 2018 Budget Amendment:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance # 745 - 2018 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Action: Resolution #18-638 Highlands Associates Contract Amendment – Planning Services:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution #18-638. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Action: Simple Power IT – IT Services Contract:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the 2019 Contract for Simple Power IT. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll

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 11th day of December 2018.

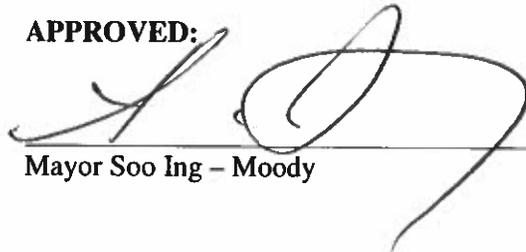
Accounts Payable	EFT# 2922-2926		12/11/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 2878-2921		12/11/2018
Payroll	EFT# 2836-2953 Warrant# 14415-14416		11/30/2018
Payroll	EFT# 2955-2959		12/15/2018

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing – Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer