

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 06/13/17

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:53 pm.

Council Members present:      Aaron Studen - via phone  
   Alan Caswell  
   John Fleming  
   Hans Smith  
   Josh Thomson

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Additions:**      None

**Deletions:**      None

### **Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes**

Bob Monetta, owner of Windermere Real Estate, 313 E. M. V. Hwy, was requesting an adjustment on his water bill from a winter time overage. During the winter, a hose was run from Windermere Real Estate to M.V. Physical Therapy, 305 E. M.V. Hwy, to supply them with water as their system was frozen. Mr. Monetta claimed that this issue of freezing meters or pipes comes up periodically in his neighborhood due to the water lines not being low enough in the ground and meters being in the sidewalks.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she will be in Olympia giving a presentation later this week.
- She reported that the AWC Annual Conference will be in Vancouver, June 20-23. She will be attending as a board member and she reminded the council members that they could also attend as it is a city focused agenda with great networking opportunities.
- She has spoken to Mayor Pro-tem Bob DeHart of Winthrop and he asked about extending the law enforcement contract between the two towns. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that if coverage was extended, due to the increased volume of calls as is typical when the pass is open in the summer months, the same level of presence may not be possible without increasing the number of officers.
- She reported that the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) has now received word that Okanogan County has now legislatively received Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) status thanks to Senator Hawkins who proposed the bill.
- She reported that Okanogan County Deputy Mike Worden is contacting all county jurisdictions and agencies who use dispatch about contributing to dispatch costs. Currently all the towns pay but Fire Districts and EMS do not. The county's infrastructure and equipment needs to be improved and funding is needed to do this. It was reported by Mike that if other agencies contribute the towns' payment portions may not increase as a result.

## **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:**

- He stated that Twisp is 8 weeks ahead on call volume for the department and Winthrop's calls are added on top of that, and are also ahead of last year's call volume.
- He stated that Winthrop is interviewing for the open positions for marshal and deputies and if an applicant is approved the hiring process will still take weeks to complete, if not longer.

### **Interim P.W. Director Howard Moss**

- He stated that he has included 2 options in the packet for changing E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue back to a 2-way street.
- He stated that the grant for design of the South Taxiway will close out on June 30th.
- He stated that he is working on the tennis court, trail, and PW shop matters to get those projects up and going.
- He stated that the SR 20 curbs, gutters, and sidewalks project will start on July 10th.

## **Commission/Committee/Board Reports**

There were no reports submitted.

### **Council Member Caswell Liaison to Park/Rec, Planning Commission & Friends of the Pool**

- He stated that the last Park and Recreation Commission meeting was canceled.
- He reported that the Friends of the Pool have a new board member Julie Hovis.
- He reported that the FOP is having a Dunk Your Dad on June 17<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the pool.
- He reported that the Senior Center donated \$ 2,000 to the FOP for payment on the 2016 pool renovation costs.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion/Action: Approval of TwispWorks request for Funding for a Downtown Economic Summit**

Don Linnertz, Executive Director of TwispWorks is proposing that the Town join with TwispWorks to hire Michele Reeves of Civilis Consultants to guide the Town, TwispWorks, and business owners in a downtown summit designed to help Twisp stakeholders understand the economic ecosystem of a small city downtown and give them ideas for how to leverage that ecosystem to increase economic activity and improve the town's brand.

Each stakeholder group would take away a list of potential projects they can begin implementing right away, for small sums of money, to improve sales per square foot in Twisp.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to partner with TwispWorks and partially fund the downtown summit in the amount of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

**Action: Water Overage – Request for Consideration**

Bob Monetta, Windermere Real Estate, had allowed a hose to run from his business to Lake Chelan Physical Therapy last winter to supply them with water as their water supply line had frozen. This spring Mr. Monetta's bill for water overage from the winter was \$499.12. Mr. Monetta is asking for forgiveness of the water over charges.

It was stated that the jumping of a water supply from one property to another and allowing an adjustment on the bill is not addressed in the TMC 13.05.195, Water Leaks – Billing Adjustment.

The Council discussed: Town notification, involvement, and a process to consider costs involved in the Monetta issue.

Council Member Smith suggested that language be added to the Twisp Municipal Code to prohibit jumping water connections from one property to another. Staff was directed to bring propose language changes for the TMC to a future meeting.

Council Member Smith made a motion to deny Mr. Monetta's request for water overage forgiveness. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Consideration of Options to Change to a 2-way Street**

Director Moss recommended 2 options to changing E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue back to a 2-way street. Option 1 would be angle parking on the north side of the street and parallel parking on the south side and Option 2 would be parallel parking on both sides of the street.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming moved to convert E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between SR 20 and Glover Street back to a 2-way street with parallel parking on both sides of the street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed. Council Member Smith voted against the motion.

**Action: Airport Advisory Committee Board Member Appointments**

Mayor Ing-Moody recommended to Council two new members to the Airport Advisory Board; Dick Pattison and Hannah Cordes. She has met with both and feels they would be good additions to the Board.

**Motion:**

Council Member Fleming moved to accept Mayor Ing-Moody's recommendations and approve the nomination of Dick Pattison and Hannah Cordes to the Airport Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

**Action: Officer Sheehan – Request for vacation extension**

The police department has been very busy and Officer Sheehan has not been able to use his vacation time and get it down to the amount allowed to be carried over as stated in the Personnel Manual. Chief Budrow approves an extension with the caveat that the overage needs to be used by the end of August.

**Motion:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the extension of Officer Sheehan’s overage on vacation leave until the end of August. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes - 5/24/17

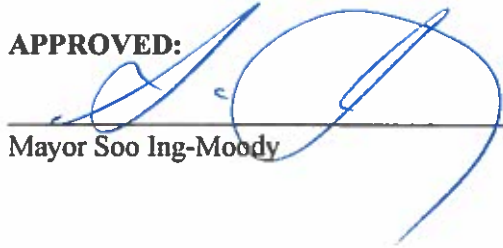
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

Payroll	EFTs Trans # 1145-1148 Check #14249	\$4,360.00	05/15/17
John Deere Financial	EFT Trans # 1348	\$142.91	05/30/17
Lori Rodio	Check # 33164	\$100.00	05/31/17
Payroll	EFTs Trans # 1281-1295, 3110-3115 Checks # 14250-14255	\$56,258.52	05/31/17
US Bank CM-9705	EFT Trans # 1298	\$1,640.55	06/01/17
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 1368	\$608.36	06/01/17
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 1367	\$495.00	06/02/17
Accounts Payable	Checks # 33165-33212	\$147,693.04	06/13/17
Accounts Payable	Checks # 33213-33214	\$90,610.26	06/13/17
Accounts Payable	Check #33215	Void	06/13/17

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**APPROVED:**  
  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**  
  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty