

**Town of Twisp  
Special Meeting - Retreat  
Council Minutes – 04/29/17**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the special meeting/retreat to order on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Caswell.

Retreat Theme: “Focusing on the Future”

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

Department Heads present: Jackie Moriarty, Clerk/Treasurer

**Minutes – April 15 and April 16, 2016**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2016 and April 16, 2016 Council Retreat as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s Opening Remarks**

Mayor Ing-Moody started by thanking the Council Members for participating in the retreat and for their continued work for the Town.

**FACILITIES**

**Airport**

The Town Council discussed the following airport issues:

- What is the function of the Airport Advisory Board.
- Need a more consistent Airport Advisory Board meeting schedule.
- Landing and tie-down fees.
- The Airport Advisory Board needs to come with ideas for revenue sources for the airport.
- Long-term maintenance of airport infrastructure.
- Lease terms.
- Where does Airport Manager Mike Port want the fuel tank located?

- Fuel tank location – the reasons that the engineer’s opinion of where the tank should be located are different than the Airport Manager.

**Action:**

- Contact T-O Engineers to see why they are suggesting a different location for the fuel tank rather than where Airport Manager Port would like it placed.
- Schedule an Airport Advisory Board meeting and make Council Members Fleming and Smith aware of the date.

**FIRE SERVICES**

Mayor Ing-Moody introduced Fire Chief Mike Burnett of Chelan County Fire District #1. She stated that Chief Burnett had joined the Council at a retreat a few years back to discuss the pros and cons of annexation versus contracting for fire services. Now that the contract between the Town and Okanogan County Fire District #6 is expiring December 31, 2017, Chief Burnett came back at the Mayor’s request to address the Council. Chief Burnett shared that Chelan County Fire District #1 recently annexed the City of Wenatchee into District #1; he went over the process with the Council and again provided the pros and cons of annexation.

**FACILITIES – CONTINUED**

**Civic Building**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that a pre-construction meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Public Works Shop, directly followed by a meeting to discuss the layout of the Civic Building. She continued by discussing construction funding, stating that the Town has a request in for an additional \$750,000 from the State Capital budget, and the ability to apply for \$750,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and in addition to apply for \$250,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) grant program. Additional funding will be required.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Council briefly discussed the concept of what a department might look like if both towns were to be provided police coverage by one department.

- What management of the department would look based on the differences of the communities.
- The costs, liability, and logistics of one responding department.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Business Support:**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on a group, the Methow Investment Network (MIN) that has been formed pairing local investors with local entrepreneurs who want to start a business but lack the capital. So far, this group consists of 15 investors with a total capital available of approximately \$2 million.

### **Other economic programs:**

- Main Street Program – The Town will be partnering with this group with a kick-off meeting in the summer of 2017. Mayor Ing-Moody asked for two Council Members that were willing to work with stake holders from this group. Council Members Fleming and Studen volunteered.
- Local Industry – This group is concentrating on local industry potentials valley-wide; there will be a workshop held in the fall of 2017.
- Methow Institute – Propose high school students intern learning outdoor jobs to provide experience in areas the valley needs workers in the hopes of keeping our kids here and working.

## **HOUSING**

Mayor Ing-Moody discussed the newly formed Methow Housing Trust. This group is exploring a concept for affordable housing in which housing is built and purchased but the land is not owned by the homeowners. The need of affordable housing and what it means in the valley and how this may affect Twisp was discussed.

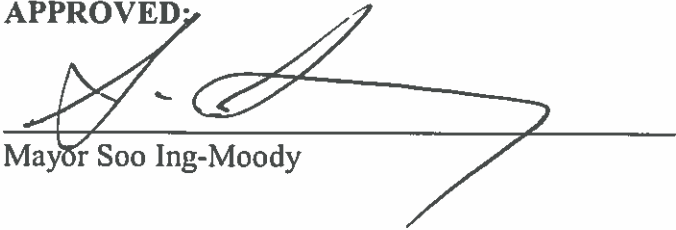
## **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Council Members discussed the following issues:

- How to come up with and promote shoulder season events that will draw people to Twisp.
- Resolution #10-469 – Council Member Caswell pointed out that Resolution #10-469 regarding Greenhouse Gas Emissions was outdated and suggested it be revised and taken to the next Council meeting to be amended.
- Twisp Municipal Code 8.20.09 regarding outdoor burning. An inconsistency was found and Council asked that it be amended and brought to the next Council meeting for adoption.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

**APPROVED:**



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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**



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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty