

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 03/27/12
7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Council Member present: Bob Lloyd
 Clint Estes
 Hans Smith
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Contract with Fire District #6

Deletions:

Public Comment Period

None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes –03/13/12
- 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 27th day of March, 2012.

Checks	13146-13149	\$3,490.00	03/15/2012
Checks	39038 – 39054	\$13,251.23	03/27/2012
USDA Rural Development	EFTs Trans # 568-570	\$1,354.00	03/28/2012

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from March 13, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed.

Mayor's Report

None

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.

Superintendent Moss reported:

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant clarifier biological numbers are getting better.
- He is seeing lower monthly water pumping numbers than last year, due to water main repairs and the check valve repair at Well #2.
- The tree situated between Town Hall and Twisp Daily Business can be removed per the advice of Dwight Filer, Chairman of the Tree Board. Another tree will be planted at the Twisp Park to compensate for the loss of the tree.

Commission/Board Reports

There were no Commission reports submitted.

Method Watershed Council

Council Member Smith reported:

- Three water storage projects were chosen as recommended by Aspect Consulting: Beaver Creek Micro Storage, Davis Lake Storage Capacity, and Walking D Storage.
- The Organizational Sub-Committee is developing its platform.
- Vicki Welch and Dick Ewing were re-elected to the Methow Watershed Council and Greg Knott was re-elected as chairman.
- The Council has sent a letter to the Department of Ecology requesting a timeline for a review of the Instream Flow Rule Revision.

Sign Ordinance

Council Member Day reported that the Planning Commission's draft Sign Ordinance is nearing completion and will be submitted to Planner Danison and Attorney DeTro for review before a public hearing is scheduled by the Planning Commission.

Recreation Conservation Office Trail Grant #2

Council Member Day reported that the deadline for the proposed Recreation Conservation Office Trail Grant application for acquisition/development funding in the 2013 funding cycle is May 1, 2012. She requested that Council Members contact her should they have any questions in advance of the meeting to enable her to research and answer those questions at the next Council meeting.

Committee Reports

Town Hall Action Committee Recommendation

Council Member Smith brought forth a recommendation from the Town Hall Committee that the roof replacement project, and the seismic repairs as presented by Superintendent Moss be completed for the main administrative portion of the building, excluding the shop area. The monies remaining from the loan to repair the roof would then be used to further analysis what to do with the rest of the building. The Committee will be formulating a recommendation to bring to the Council about the shop portion of Town Hall's structure in the future.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to accept the recommendation of the Town Hall Committee to move forward with the roof and exterior wall repairs to the main administrative building, excluding the shop with any residual loan funds to be used to further assess actual costs for the building including the shop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and approved unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Twisp/Winthrop Police Departments – Automatic Mutual Aid

Police Chief Budrow stated that officer safety is his foremost concern for his officers, the public and himself. He feels that actions taken by the Winthrop Marshall's Office staff as noted in police and Emergency Management Service reports provided for the Council and the public show a lack of care for safety and procedures. The action taken by the Mayor in December revokes the Winthrop Marshal's Office from automatically enforcing laws in the Town of Twisp. The Twisp Police Department can still call Winthrop for back-up in emergency situations, as needed since the Mutual Aid agreement itself is not rescinded; Chief Budrow has authority under Chapter 10.93.070(1) to request or deny assistance from Winthrop under the Mutual Aid agreement.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to support Chief Budrow's position and Mayor Ing-Moody's action to continue with the revocation of consent granted under Chapter 10.93 of RCW 10.93.070 (1) for automatic jurisdictional law enforcement aid from the Winthrop Marshall's office. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Set Public Hearing Regarding the Airport Property Annexation

A portion of Town property at the Twisp Municipal Airport which has been erroneously recorded to be in the County will be annexed into the Town via an annexation process. A public hearing must be set before annexation can occur.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to set the public hearing date for the annexation of the Twisp Municipal Airport property for April 10, 2012. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Okanogan County Fire District #6 Contract

The Town of Twisp Fire and Rescue's fire engine was found to be in non-compliance by Police Chief Budrow as he evaluated the department's equipment and procedures in his capacity as Administrator of the Fire Department. He has temporarily decommissioned the engine until improvements can be made to the engine.

Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Members Lloyd and Estes attended an Okanogan County Fire District #6 Commissioner's meeting and discussed this issue with them and District #6 Fire Chief Don Waller. The Commissioners and Chief Waller have given a verbal commitment to continue to cover the Town of Twisp in the case of fire and rescue emergencies during this interim period.

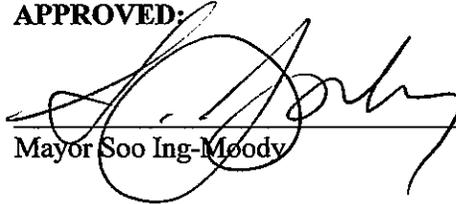
There was discussion of a temporary short term contract with District #6 to provide coverage for the Town until changes can be made on the engine. A discussion for a longer term contract or annexation of the Town into District #6 will continue.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Members Lloyd and Estes will present contract options to the Council at the April 10th meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty