

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 02/25/14
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Clint Estes
 Dwight Filer
 John Fleming

Council Member absent: Traci Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Filer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Requesting Approval of the Submission of an Application to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for Funding to Develop a Water System Plan Update

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm to take public comments on the request for approval to submit an application to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding to develop a Water System Plan Update.

The firm of Gray & Osborne, Inc. is working with the Town on the Plan Update. Jim Bricel of Gray & Osborne explained that water system plans are required to be updated every 6 years and Twisp's Plan was last updated in 2008. The grant is a "planning only" grant application for \$24,000 which would partially cover the cost of the upgrade. A water system plan gives a comprehensive view of the water system's future needs and gives the utility data to implement long range planning. A copy of Appendix B-4 Public Hearing Handout was distributed to those present.

There was no public comment.

Resolution #14-533

Resolution #14-553 approves the support of applying to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding assistance to develop a Water System Plan Update.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve Resolution #14-533 allowing the submission of a planning only grant to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding assistance to develop a Water System Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Community Scholarship

Deletions:

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There were no public comments.

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.

Council Member Filer asked Chief Budrow when the Town of Twisp softball team would start training. Chief Budrow stated that practice would start in the spring.

Chief Budrow explained the Nixle program that the Twisp Police Department is implementing. Citizens can register online to participate in the program. The Nixle program sends out an alert to either phones or computers about emergencies, i.e. cougar sightings or Amber Alerts. Chief Budrow explained that citizens' personal information stays with the online program and the Town doesn't know who is participating.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Methow Watershed Council

Hans Smith, Town of Twisp liaison to the Methow Watershed Council (MWC), reported that as approved by Council, he interviewed John Kerner, an applicant for an MWC position. He stated that Mr. Kerner has a strong background on water issues. He recommended that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Kerner to the MWC.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve John Kerner's appointment to the Methow Watershed Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Methow Valley Irrigation District Purchase and Sale Agreement

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Town of Twisp and Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) had come to an agreement on the purchase of 138 acre-feet of surplus irrigation water rights to service the indoor and outdoor water use within Twisp limits. The purchase price for the 138 acre-feet shall be a per consumptive acre-foot basis of \$2,222.23 per acre-foot, at 90% consumption. Mayor Ing-Moody reported the Office of Columbia River will hold a 25 year Water Service Contract of \$276,000 with zero interest for the Town. She reported that the payments will be close to what the Town is already paying MVID for the water lease.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming made the motion to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to sign the Purchase and Sale agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Valley Irrigation District. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Ground Lease between Town and Cascade Pipe & Feed Supply

The Town of Twisp holds a ground lease agreement with Cascade Pipe and Feed Supply, Inc., which allows Cascade Pipe to lease a portion of unconstructed Methow Street lying between the northerly right of way line and State Highway SR 20 and the south line of 6th Avenue, according to the plat of Airey Addition of the Town of Twisp.

The agreement had expired and the Town and Cascade Pipe are renewing the agreement. Attorney DeTro reviewed and did not make any changes to the agreement.

Motion:

Council Member Filer made the motion give Mayor Ing-Moody the authority to sign the Ground Lease agreement between the Town and Cascade Pipe & Feed Store. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Proposed Regional Transportation Planning Organization Governance Restructure

Mayor Ing-Moody, the Town's representative at Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meetings reported that the proposed restructuring draft of the RTPO Board has been completed. Okanogan County was given one urban vote in the restructuring and a small cities' vote. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that previous meetings were held quarterly in Chelan. The new meeting schedule includes monthly meetings held in Wenatchee. She stated that Chelan is more centrally located for the Organization and the move to Wenatchee and the increased frequency of the meetings could make it difficult for some to attend.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to submit a letter to RTPO stating Twisp's support of the restructuring but to include a paragraph asking the Board to reconsider the frequency and location of the monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Appointment

Council Member Estes is the present Mayor Pro-tem. Per RCW 35.27.160 Mayor Duties, the Mayor Pro-tem appointment needs to be reaffirmed every six months. Council Member Estes stated he would agree to fill the appointment of Mayor Pro-tem unless someone else wanted the position.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve Council Member Estes as the Mayor Pro-tem for a six month term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

Council Member Filer brought to the attention of the Council a request from the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities for the nomination of high school students who plan to pursue post-secondary degrees in the fall of 2014. The Center is asking for nominations of students in the community who are already making a difference as outstanding young civic minded leaders.

Council Member Filer stated that he has been in contact with Principal DeKalb and others involved at Liberty Bell High School. After joint consideration, Principal DeKalb will submit a name or names of students who would qualify for the scholarship to the Town.

Motion:

Council Member Filer made the motion to give Mayor Ing-Moody the authority to nominate a student from Liberty Bell High School to the AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 02/11/14

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 25th day of February, 2014.

Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans # 283	\$500.00	02/03/14
Payroll	#13691-13694	\$3,500.00	02/15/14
Checks	#30518-30531	\$14,697.53	02/25/14
Checks	#30532-30536	\$315.00	02/28/14
US Dept. Rural Develop	EFTs Trans # 371-373	\$1,354.00	02/28/14

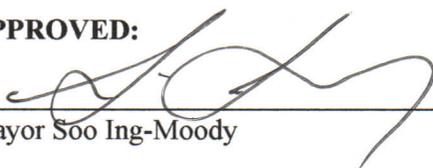
Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed. Council Member Estes abstained.

Adjournment

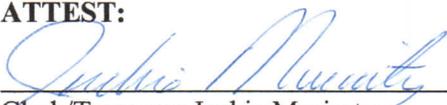
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty