

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 01/08/2019

Mayor Ing – Moody called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Council Members present: Mark Easton
Hans Smith
Alan Caswell

Council Members absent: Aaron Studen

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Addition: Discussion: Public Restrooms

Deletion: Civic Building

Public Comment:

Mark Edson – His opinion is that the Civic Building would be better located in the lot next to the Methow Valley Community Center. He thinks that there is too much work to be done on the existing building that will cost the Town too much money to repair/replace.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that there is nothing new to report at this time, everything is business as usual.

Staff Reports:

Nothing to report at this time.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Nothing to report at this time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: Public Restrooms:

Mayor Ing – Moody opened the discussion about the temporary closure of the public restrooms. A meeting with the MERC took place regarding the public restrooms. The main concern is the safety of the public that are using the restrooms. There have been many problems with vandalism, and illegal activity that has made the restrooms unsafe at times. The Town of Twisp has been paying for cleaning and maintenance to ensure that the restrooms are in good working order for the public but safety is a priority. Mayor Ing – Moody stated that the Town is working on possibly amending the agreement with the MERC to see if we can be partners to ensure the restrooms can remain public during events.

Discussion/Action: Vacant Council Position/Appointment:

Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty stated that all open positions have been advertised in the Methow Valley News and there has been one applicant for the vacant Council Position – Hannah Cordes. Hannah is currently serving on the Twisp Airport Advisory Board. Mayor Ing – Moody suggested that Council Members submit interview questions that they would like to ask Ms. Cordes at the next council meeting.

Discussion/Action: Approval of Proposed Zoning Changes:

Town Planner, Kurt Danison and Planning Commission Chair, John Battle, were present and available to Council regarding the submission of the Commission's proposed zoning changes. Planner Danison submit the Staff Report for the latest version of the proposed zoning amendments from the Planning Commission. In response to Council Member Smith's inquiry on some of the submitted definitions, Planner Danison stated that the Planning Commission spent a lot of time working on the use chart and definitions to make it more clear – they wanted to ensure that it was black and white without grey areas. He agreed that any definitions that be unclear should be eliminated as per Council Member Smith's suggestions to remove ambiguity. Mayor Ing-Moody also expressed her opinion that some of the definitions provided expanded into including prescriptive zoning changes and should be removed. She stated that definitions should be simple and not in any way conflict with codes elsewhere in the Zoning Plan. This would enable updates to the plan, while definitions only need to be revisited should the need arise. Planner Danison assured the Mayor and Council that the discussed changes as directed would be made before it comes back to the Council for approval. Many Council Members would like more time to review the proposed zoning changes within the full context of the Plan. The Council will revisit the proposed changes at a future Council Meeting no sooner than the second meeting in February.

Action: Canyon Street Neighborhood Planned Development (Methow Housing Trust) Final Approval:

Council Member Caswell moved to approve the Methow Housing Trust – Canyon Street Neighborhood Planned Development. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Action: Simple Power IT – IT Services Contract:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Simple Power IT – Services Contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton 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 8th day of January 2019.

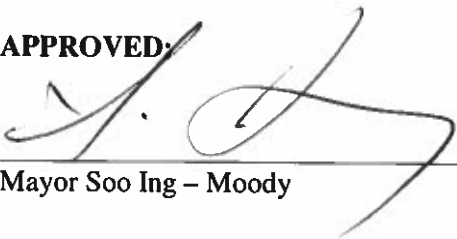
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 34521-34527	8191.07	01/08/2019
Accounts Payable	EFT# 3031-3032	1003.36	01/08/2019
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 34496-34520	127711.82	12/30/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 34483-34494	9703.91	12/27/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 34495	807.80	12/28/2018
Accounts Payable	EFT# 3057	500.00	12/31/2018
Payroll	EFT# 3027-3030 #3033-3043 Warrant # 14417	30733.73	12/31/2018
Payroll	EFT # 2955-2959	4610.00	12/15/2019

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing – Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer