

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 5/28/19

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Council Members present: Hans Smith
Alan Caswell
Aaron Studen
Hannah Cordes

Council Members absent: Mark Easton

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

Sarah Schrock was present to explain that she recently wrote a letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the recent clearing happening on Isabella Ridge. She stated that they did not get a permit to install a road and would like the Town to adopt a requirement for such a permit for future development. She would like to see the Town of Twisp start strategizing on ways to create open spaces and walkability space for the public to use.

Bob Howson was present to ask that his current Taxi and License Agreement that he has with the Town of Twisp be transferred to the new potential owner of his property. He stated that he has had numerous meetings with the Mayor and would like the Town to continue the agreement with the new potential owner so that he may sell his land. He stated the new potential owner would not purchase the property without the Town changing some language in his current agreement and was frustrated with how long the process was taking. He suggested that the Mayor in his opinion was not helpful in expediting the process. He claimed to have spoken with the Town's insurance provider who he claims told him that insurance would not be necessary. He stated that he was hoping that it was going to be on tonight's agenda, and was notified by the Deputy Clerk that it wasn't going to be on, which is why he came to the meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr. Howson for his comments, and stated her disappointment with his portrayal of the facts. She stated that she had been assisting him with trying to expedite the transfer of the agreement and had also been told by the insurance provider that Mr. Howson did not provide the full facts or actual agreement being discussed to the provider when speaking with her. The Mayor expressed her concern that she found his false interpretation of what had transpired to be disturbing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody attended the Climate Task Force Meeting. She stated that the School District and Insurance Commissioners Office was in attendance. They would like to create a model on how we can all

do our part for the future as it directly relates to Climate Change. She will be attending the Public Records training in Spokane with the Clerk/Treasurer tomorrow.

Staff Reports:

N/A

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Cordes reported on the Methow Trails Collaborative meeting. They are working on the Riser Lake – save a trail project. They are also working on a new snow park going in a few miles above Early Winters so that in the Winter they will have less problems with snowmobile parking up in that area. They would like to endorse the Winthrop to Twisp Trail as a new focus this year. The Trails also would like to address the recreation problems in Mazama with the lack of toilets and the excess garbage that is gathering. She also reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met recently and have decided to read the Trails and Parks Plan and work on updating it to be more in line with what the Town currently needs.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: Resolution #19-642 Twisp Development Standards:

Council Member Studen moved to approve Resolution #19-942 – Twisp Development Standards. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Department of Enterprise Services Agreement:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Twisp/Old Schoolhouse Brewery Industrial Users Discharge Contract:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Old Schoolhouse Brewery Industrial Users Discharge Contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: USDA Community Facilities Equipment Grant \$30,000:

Mayor Ing-Moody explained that the Town would like to apply for a USDA facilities equipment grant that would allow additional funding for the new Emergency Operations Center.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the application for the USDA Facilities Equipment Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Land Clearing in Residential Zones (Fill & Grade Permits) and Open Space Requirements:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the discussion on the recent conversations about construction work happening on the hillside above town. There is currently not a permit needed for installing a road on private

The Mayor stated that if it is a single home a lot then there are no requirements. It's currently one piece of property and we aren't sure what the plan is. The Town needs to be mindful not to regulate on private property.

Council Member Smith is concerned about the road going up a steep slope on the edge of the property and how that will affect adjacent landowners. He feels the need for a fill and grade permit review process would be beneficial. He feels the Planning Commission should review and create an ordinance on the process.

Regarding Open Spaces, the Council feels that the Parks and Recreation Commission should update the Parks and Recreation Plan's priorities and strategies. It would be beneficial to identify the Town's priorities so that everything is in place if/when donations of land come to the Town or for future grant funding.

As far as Public Access, the Town is at capacity in maintaining our current parks and trails. We have our staff maxed out based on our current revenues. It might be beneficial for a public outreach survey to see what the citizens would like.

Discussion/Action: WSDOT North End SR20 Pedestrian/Bike Path Award of \$1,340,480:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes: 4/23/2019

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 28th day of May 2019.

Accounts Payable	EFT# 1188	05/28/2019	683.00
Accounts Payable	Warrants #1189-1204	05/28/2019	27582.67
Payroll	EFT# 1130-1135	05/15/2019	6850.00

Council Member Studen 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 7:00 pm.

Council Member Studen 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 7:00 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing – Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer