

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 07/28/2015
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 John Fleming
 Aaron Studen
 Traci Day
 Dwight Filer

Council Member absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Filer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: 1) ATVs
 2) Proposed meeting time change for Town Council meetings

Deletions:

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment at this time.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She met with Sandi Scheinberg of Methow Ready to discuss two upcoming workshops to be held in Twisp and Winthrop. The theme of the workshops is "Map your Neighborhood". They will be looking for a point person for each neighborhood, preferably someone familiar with the neighborhood and its residents. Mayor Ing-Moody conveyed that if the Council had any recommendations of someone that would make a good point person in their respective neighborhoods they should call Ms. Scheinberg.
- She reported that City Vision, a publication produced by the Association of Washington Cities has interviewed her and Amy Stork about TwispWorks and its economic contributions to the Town of Twisp.

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.

Director Denham shared that a potential water leak on SR20 was detected by Leak Masters LLC, a leak detection company brought in to check the Town's water lines.

Director Denham reported on the preventative maintenance he and his crew have been doing with the new Vector. Director Denham shared that a minor patch repair to the liner of the pool had to be done.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: Twisp Avenue Project 90% Draft Plan (Dave Allen, SCJ Engineering)

Dave Allen, SCJ Alliance, was present to share with Council the plans for the work to be done on Twisp Avenue from SR20 to Lincoln. This work is being funded by the Transportation Alternative Program. The Council discussed a few items that would be nice to have included in the project: Improvements to the Bell Park; lighting; benches; and bike racks. Director Denham reported that the engineering would be done this year and that construction would go out to bid in the spring of 2016.

Discussion: General Engineering Services

Director Denham reported that he and Council Members Fleming and Lloyd (Public Works Committee) interviewed three engineering firms; Gray and Osborne, HGR and Varela in the process of obtaining a General Engineer for the Town. After discussion with the Public Works Committee, Director Denham is recommending to the Council that the Town hire Varela and Associates to serve as the Town's general engineer. Director Denham disclosed to the Council that his son works for Varela and Associates for transparency purposes.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the hiring of Varela and Associates as the Town's General Engineer and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Army Helicopter Training Proposal

Mayor Ing-Moody received a letter from the US Army soliciting comments regarding a possible helicopter training base in the Twisp area. Council Members asked staff to check on some issues that could have an effect on Town residents: durations of flights; frequency of flights; time of day of flights; and if they required any ground facilities in the valley.

Discussion: Twisp T-Shirts

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Twisp T-shirts sales have netted approximately \$1,100. There are 116 t-shirts in stock out of the original 350 ordered. Methow Arts Alliance asked if the Town would like to order more t-shirts. Council Members discussed that the quality of the t-shirts could be better and that they would like to see new colors offered. Mayor Ing-Moody will take that information back and ask that they provide a new proposal to the Council.

ATVs

Council discussed the recent decision by the County Commissioners to open more county roads up to ATVs by reducing the speed limit in some areas. Council Member Fleming stated that in the future he would be interested in hearing from the Town of Twisp residents on their feelings about ATVs in Twisp. His recollection of the last two meetings the Town held were comprised mostly of out-of-town commenters rather than Town residents.

Council Member Filer expressed his concern regarding the stretch of road on the Eastside County Road between town limits and Bally Hill Road being too dangerous for ATVs. Council Member Filer suggested that a letter from the Town should be written to the County Commissioners requesting a risk assessment on that portion of road. The majority of the Council Members felt that requesting a study from the County was reaching outside our jurisdictional authority.

Changing the Council Meeting Time

Council discussed future Council meetings to begin at 5:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Council Members directed staff to prepare an ordinance to change the time to be presented at the next Council meeting for consideration.

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 28th day of July, 2015.

US Rural Development	EFTS Trans #1642, 1643	\$1,000.00	07/28/15
Accounts Payable	Checks #31626-31654	\$30,076.05	07/28/15
Accounts Payable	Checks # 31655-31660	\$378.00	07/31/15

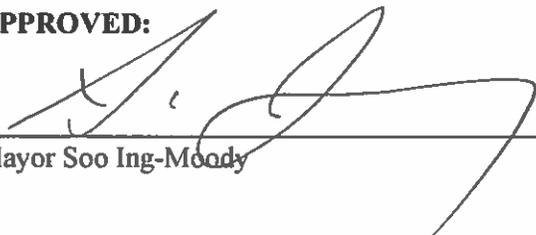
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty