

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 04/24/2018

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

Council Members present: Alan Caswell
Ashley Thrasher
Mark Easton
Aaron Studen
Hans Smith

Council Member absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions: Mayor Ing – Moody added two items to the agenda.

1. Appointment of David Gottula to the Public Development Authority Board.
2. Council Recognition

Public Comment:

Clint Estes requested that the Council review the RCW regarding the option of offering senior discounts on utilities to the public. He stated most seniors are on a fixed income and cannot afford to have their utility rates continue to increase. The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

Fred Wert of the Airport Advisory Board commented that the current one year lease for the airport has caused hangar owners to be unable to sell their hangars and is preventing new lessees at the airport. He stated that the Town needs to focus on generating more revenue for the airport through a 30 year lease. The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

Craig Howard stated he was deciding between having a hangar in Twisp or in Winthrop and with the Town of Twisp only having a one year interim lease he would not be able to sign the lease with the Town of Twisp. The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

Vaugh Jolley stated he would not renew his airport lease with the Town as it currently stands. The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing – Moody reported she has been advised that the OCOG will be receiving an award from the American Planning Association/Planning Association of Washington (APA/PAW) for the 2018 Best Transportation Plan. She stated that this award was a big deal especially since the OCOG is Washington

State's newest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). As the Chair, she will be travelling to Chelan to receive the award.

She also advised the Council that she was approached by Fire District #6 Commissioner Les Stokes to begin discussions regarding annexation of the Town. She let him know that due to various projects, discussions may not begin until sometime this summer at the earliest.

Mayor Ing – Moody reported that she had spoken with Dwight Filer regarding Arbor Day and that the date for the Twisp Celebration had changed from April 27th to April 28th. The Mayor also updated the Council on the status of the Town pool. She stated that, at the moment, there have only been two applications received for lifeguards at the pool and that if more applicants do not apply, the pool would be unable to open.

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. There were no comments on staff reports.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Thrasher reported she had attended a Chamber meeting and that they needed prizes for the photo contest that took place two weeks ago. She stated there will be a listening session on May 15th and a Sip and Chat on June 4th.

Council Member Thrasher also reported she had attended a TERC (Town Economic Revitalization Committee) meeting the week before. She stated the group had discussed the lighting project on Glover Street, the removal of the fuel sign by Hank Konrad at Hwy 20 and Glover Street, and the Gateway project which would be discussed later in the meeting.

Council Member Caswell reported he had attended the Planning Commission meeting and that the Commission was making recommendation to the Council for two planned developments that would be discussed later in the meeting. He also reported that the Earth Day cleanup was not a very big success. He stated that there were only 13 people who attended the cleanup and that the previous year there were over 40 people in attendance. He suggested maybe having the cleanup coincide with the Arbor Day celebration next year.

Council Member Smith reported on the Airport Advisory Board meeting. He stated the Board had discussed the new airport lease, fuel tank, DOT Grant and possible pilot donations for future paving projects. Fred Wert had submitted a new lease for the group to review and make recommendation to the Council for approval. Council Member Smith reported that the new document is based on the Okanogan County Airport lease with some revisions and that there was a comparison in the packet of the actual Okanogan County Airport lease indication items that had been changed.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody recognized previous Council Member John Fleming for his six years of service on the Council and Committees and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

Action: Approval to Request Bids from Artists for the Gateway Project. Mayor Ing – Moody reported that the TERC committee had recommended the Council approve the request for bids from artists for the Gateway project. She stated the amount for the project would be \$60,000, fully funded through the Complete Streets Grant. The Methow Arts Alliance would help facilitate the process.

Motion: Council Member Thrasher moved to approve the Request Bids from Artists for the Gateway Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Action: Appointment of David Gottula to the Public Development Authority.

Motion: Council Member Smith moved to appoint David Gottula to the Public Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Airport Hangar Lease Recommended Revisions: Council Member Smith gave the group a brief history of the items and concerns surrounding the airport lease. He stated the Airport Advisory Board is working on addressing lease rates as well as proposing new language. He stated that for the time being an interim lease has been in place for those who are without a lease until a new long term lease is approved. He reiterated that the one-year lease was never meant to replace the longer term leases. Council Member Easton asked about the omission of the insurance language from the proposed long term lease. Council Member Smith stated he would like the group to give feedback on the insurance topic. He also stated that revenue could be generated through the lease rate in the new agreement. Council Member Studen stated that the insurance topic should be a non-negotiable part of the lease. He also stated he would like to see a long term lease of possibly 10 years with an option to renew for 10 years and questioned the transferability part of the lease. Mayor Ing – Moody vocalized a brief summary of several items/terms on the new proposed lease from Chairman Wert that vary from the current lease and asked the Council to read through the provided materials thoroughly and be prepared to make recommendations at the next Council meeting.

Action: Setting May 8, 2018 as the Closed Hearing regarding the Planning Commission Recommendation of Preliminary Approval of the Methow Housing Trust Canyon Street Neighborhood Planned Development

Motion: Council Member Studen moved to approve setting May 8, 2018 as the closed hearing regarding the Planning Commission recommendation of preliminary approval of the Methow Housing Trust Canyon Street Neighborhood planned development. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Action: Setting May 8, 2018 as the Closed Hearing regarding the Planning Commission Recommendation of Preliminary Approval of the Konrad Commercial Long Plat.

Motion: Council Member Smith moved to approve Setting May 8, 2018 as the Closed Hearing regarding the Planning Commission Recommendation of Preliminary Approval of the Konrad Commercial Long Plat. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

Action: Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) – Approval of the Submission of a Grant Application for SR20 and Canyon Street Intersection and Transit Stop Improvements

Motion: Council Member Thrasher moved to approve the Submission of a Grant Application for SR20 and Canyon Street Intersection and Transit Stop. 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 24th day of April, 2018.

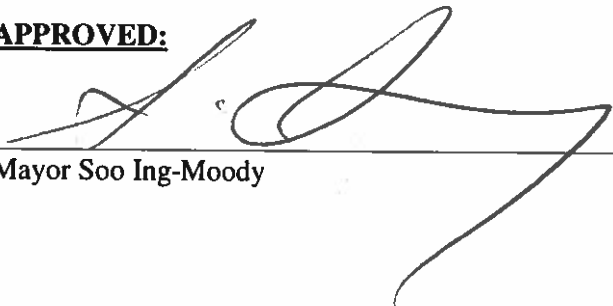
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT #951	608.36	04/02/2018
US Dept. of Ag. Rural Development	EFT #952	395.00	04/02/2018
Payroll	EFT #1019-1021 and warrant #1447	3,510.00	04/16/2018
John Deere	EFT #1041	142.92	04/17/2018
US Dept of Ag. Rural Development	EFT #1042	683.00	04/17/2018
US Bank	Warrant #33923	2,867.03	04/10/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #33950-33956	441.00	04/30/2018
Accounts Payable	Warrants #33924-33949	24,515.87	04/24/2018

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer