

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 02/14/17

Mayor Pro-tem Studen called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Council Members present:     Aaron Studen  
  Alan Caswell  
  Hans Smith  
  Josh Thomson

Council Member absentees:    Mayor Ing-Moody  
  Council Member John Fleming

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Hearing – Proposed Partial Vacation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

Mayor Pro-tem Studen opened the public hearing at 5:33 pm. He stated that the partial vacation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is to allow for the construction of a single story civic and emergency operations communication building that would replace the present Twisp town hall. He stated that through information gathered from a community survey and a public meeting, citizens wanted had overwhelmingly expressed the desire for a single story building.

Donna Keyser 109 N. Glover Street: She stated that vehicle circulation is not well addressed in the civic center design. She also stated that Glover Street storm drainage does not work well and she feels it has to do with the bump-outs and landscaping that are in place on Glover Street and she sees similar landscaping options on the draft civic building plans.

Robin Wheeler 109 S. Glover Street: She stated that the bump-outs and trees on Glover Street cause drainage issues and she has concerns that there will be a reduction in parking spaces with the new civic building. She stated that there needs to be more vehicle parking.

Mark Edson 321 Bigelow Street: He stated that the Town does not have all the money to construct the building. He suggested that the Town block off that portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue that would be vacated and review how that works for citizens and traffic flow. He stated that he believes it would take more taxes paid by citizens to maintain the building.

Glen Schmekel 211 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 128 N. Glover Street, the Cove buildings: He stated he is in favor of the project but is not sure how the parking would work when he has meetings at 211 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He also mentioned snow removal as a potential on-going issue.

Eric Carlton 209 S. Lincoln Street: He agrees that the building needs to be replaced. He is concerned about the vacation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and the affect it will have on traffic and parking for his neighbors. He noted that Lincoln Street does not have sidewalks for the protection of pedestrians from the alley to Lincoln Street.

Kevin Hickman: He stated he owns the business at 113 & 117 S. Lincoln Street. He does not know if the vacation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would adversely affect his business. He has large semi-trucks that deliver to his

business and is concerned about their ability to circulate to local businesses if 3<sup>rd</sup> was closed to thru traffic.

Lela Johnson 207 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue: She has concerns about the vacation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and what it will do to traffic flow and parking in her neighborhood.

Mayor Pro-tem Studen closed the meeting at 5:55 pm. Action will be taken at a later meeting.

### **Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Addition:** None

**Deletions:** Budget Amendment

### **Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes**

There was no public comment.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody was absent and did not give a report at this time.

### **Staff Reports**

Written staff reports were submitted and placed in the Council packets for review. Mayor Pro-tem Studen asked Council if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by the Department Heads.

### **Chief Budrow**

He reported on the following:

- Discussed offense codes from the Law Total Incident Report.
- Discussed what should happen to incident numbers with an additional officer.
- Discussed the training schedule for the new officer when he returns from the police academy.

### **Commission/Committee/Board Reports**

There were no reports submitted.

### **Council Member Studen – Alternate Liaison to Planning (P/C) and Parks & Recreation Commissions (P/Rec)**

He reported on the following:

- Planner Danison and the P/C are working on the Design Standards in the Subdivision Ordinance and will be submitting the changes to the Council soon. Those changes are in line with the changes made to the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Design Standards.
- The P/C is asking for a joint meeting of the Council to discuss the Subdivision Ordinance and other issues.

- P/Rec Commission would like to review the sports complex grant file to be more familiar with the design aspects of the project.
- P/Rec Commission is scheduling an Earth Day event to clean up the town parks.
- He has made contact with the liaison to Ride Around Washington and the group was given the option of camping at the Twisp Airport game field. They would have to supply their own potable water and electricity. They are scheduled to take a layover day in Twisp on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> during their bicycle ride through Washington. If they accept the offer of the game field for camping, the Town will make sure there are no sports events scheduled at that time. He will be hearing back from them.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/Lincoln Street Water Line Project**

There have been 2 sub-committee meetings pertaining to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/Lincoln Street Water Line project. The Council discussed the aging water lines on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues and the need to replace them before any street paving. The Council discussed the fact that a cultural study and SEPA need to be completed for the project. It was stated that funding sources will be more likely to approve a loan/grant project with a well completed application. The Council is looking at applying for the grant/loan in 2018.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

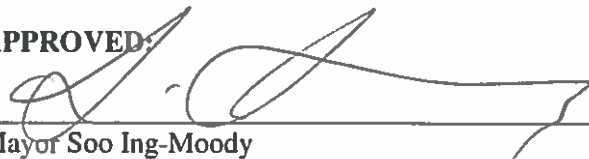
Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans # 325	\$500.00	02/01/2017
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans #349-350	\$1,086. 52	02/01/2017
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 351	\$395.00	02/02/2017
Accounts Payable	Checks #32899-32948	\$38,377.75	02/14/2017
Payroll	EFT Trans # 370-375 Check # 14232	\$4,160.00	02/15/17

Council Member Thomson 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 Pro-tem Studen adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty