

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 09/12/17

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Council Members present: Aaron Studen – via phone
 Alan Caswell
 John Fleming
 Hans Smith
 Josh Thomson

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported there will be a ground-breaking ceremony for the Twisp Community Trail on Friday, September 22nd at 1:00 pm, at the Twisp Park. Our state legislators and persons who have been involved in the project are being invited, as is the general public.
- She reported that on September 13, 2017 she, Shelley Westall, WA State point of contact for OneNet, Paul Braunstein of AT&T, and Chief Budrow will be touring critical areas within town and the surrounding area to review and discuss AT&T's quality of cellular coverage for the area. OneNet is intended to give participating first responders across the state priority communications capabilities during emergency events. If OneNet is approved by Governor Inslee, AT&T, who already has the contract, they will be the company providing pre-emptive emergency coverage during emergency and disaster situations. The tour will be followed by a meeting with them and members of the Methow Valley public safety committee to further discuss the details of OneNet, coverage, and cost for agencies in the Methow Valley.
- She reported that the Department of Transportation (DOT) presented to the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG), where she is now Chair. The presentations given provided an update on the State's proposed Freight Plan and State Transportation Plan. She reported that both plans have significant meaning for communities within Okanogan County and deserves a good review.
- She reported that the civic building committee will meet in early October when it is expected that the architects will have plans to review. She also hinted to have good news soon on some additional funding for the construction phase of the proposed facility.
- She will be attending the AWC's Mayor's exchange in Kennewick, on September 20, 2017.

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.

PW Director Andrew Denham

- He reported that the SR 20 Sidewalk and Curb project should be completed by Thursday. He stated that based on a preliminary review, the project is on budget. He reported that the Okanogan County PUD moved a power pole this morning that was hindering the project.
- He stated that the walls on the public works shop are being erected and the contractor says they are on schedule with construction.
- He reported that he has hired Duane Chavey to replace Dan Ayers in the public works department. Mr. Chavey has water and wastewater certifications and a CDL.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Alan Caswell – Liaison to the Friends of the Pool (FOP)

- He reported that the FOP's next fundraising project for the pool is to purchase a sound system that will be used during Killer Whale swim meets.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) and Agreement

Nancy Warner, Program Coordinator for Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship, asked the Council if Twisp would like to host the Annual North Central Washington Community Success Summit, in 2018. The summit this year will be in Chelan, on November 8th. The Summit teams up with partners to gather and share success stories from across the region that contribute to the kind of community we want to live in-one that maintains diverse, healthy ecosystems, fosters a high quality of life for all, and bridges cultural and political divides.

Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council thanked Ms. Warner and her co-representatives for their presentation and stated that they will discuss the summit again and have a decision made at the next council meeting.

Action: Ground Lease Agreement – Okanogan County Transit Authority (TranGo)/Town of Twisp

The agreement is a one-year extension of the original agreement with TranGo to lease real property for the purpose of parking TranGo buses for the area's transportation.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to authorize Mayor Ing-Moody to sign the Ground Lease Agreement with TranGo for parking of TranGo buses on Town property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Action: Resolution #17-611 – Interim Building Inspection Services Agreement – Okanogan County Building Department and Town of Twisp

The Town had contracted with the Town of Winthrop for a part-time building inspector. The Town of Twisp terminated the contract and will be seeking a new part-time building inspector. In the interim, the County has agreed to provide inspector coverage. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that Attorney DeTro and the County's attorney have both reviewed the Interlocal Agreement for Interim Building Inspector and Enforcement of the Twisp Sign Code and it is now ready for Council action.

Motion:

Council Member Smith made the motion to approve Resolution #17-611 – Interlocal Building Inspector Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Action: Twisp Airport Priorities

Council Member Smith submitted to the Council recommendations for their review pertaining to airport issues. Both he and Council Member Fleming are the airport liaisons attending the Board meetings. As the compilation of members on the Airport Board is fairly new, the Board has been discussing areas to focus their energies. Council Member Smith reported that there had been initial confusion since there appeared to have been 2 agendas for the same meeting – the original agenda sent out by Jane Surface, Secretary, was not the one followed. A second agenda, was disseminated by Chairman Fred Wert at the meeting. This agenda was not posted as per the Public Meetings Act requirements. Council Member Smith shared that he already discussed this issue with the Chair.

It was also discussed that the Secretary is to remain the recorder of minutes, as minutes are required as per RCW. As a town board, the Town will continue to provide necessary administrative services.

Council Member Fleming noted the concern that the Airport Manager's presence seemed to have been disruptive to the work of the Board. It was asked why the Manager was present if the Public Works Director, to whom the Airport Manager reports, is already on hand to provide any necessary background or answers from a facility / maintenance perspective. The Council expressed the opinion that the Airport Manager should appear to future Board meetings only if requested and that the Public Works Director should let the Airport Manager know not to appear at future meetings unless instructed. The Council asked the Mayor to discuss parliamentary procedures that may aid Chairman Wert in the handling of disruptions and public comment facilitation.

The Council provided direction on priority issues important to the Town for future Board agenda topics:

1. What are the critical priorities for the airport in the next 5 years? Create a list and keep it updated.
2. Are the current operating and reserve budgets for the airport sufficient to allow for enacting the identified priorities? What are the solutions to filling any gaps?
3. The legal sufficiency of the hangar land leases is now in question. What can the town do to create a fair lease agreement for new leases, and how should the town deal with insufficiencies in the existing leases?

4. The private co-op fuel tank is not currently permitted on town property. What should the town do about it?
5. Where does potable water at the airport fit into all priorities (Town's and airport)?

The Council added #5 to the list and the list of questions will be sent on to the Twisp Airport Advisory Board for their review and response.

The Board asked the Mayor and Council a question regarding the mechanism by which volunteers, approved by the airport manager, can be provided permission to volunteer to work at the airport?

The Mayor and Council agreed that all projects and volunteers need to first go through and be approved by the PW Director, not the Airport Manager. Director Denham will give that response to the Twisp Airport Advisory Board at the next meeting.

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 12th day of September, 2017.

Payroll	EFTs Trans # 1970-74, 2050-2054, 2211-2234, Checks # 14286-14299	\$75,826.45	08/31/2017
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 2361	\$608.36	09/01/2017
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2360	\$395.00	09/02/2017
Payroll	Checks # 14300-14306	\$1339.19	09/07/2017
Accounts Payable	Checks # 33376-33420	\$316,430.16	09/12/2017
Payroll	EFTs Trans # 2305-08, Check # 14307	\$3,360.00	09/15/2017

Council Member Fleming 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 Jackie Moriarty