

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 02/28/2017

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

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

Council Member absent: John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Mike Port – Property owner of 113 S. Lincoln Street: He is concerned that the vacation of 3rd Avenue between S. Glover Street and the alley would hinder business traffic. He stated that Lincoln Street was zoned commercial for the purpose of expanding the business district. He is not in favor of closing off 3rd Avenue as proposed.

Dwight Filer: He stated that he and others have been trying to get Congressman Newhouse to come to the Methow Valley for a face to face town hall meeting. He stated they are not getting a response from Newhouse’s office. Mr. Filer asked if the Town would consider adding its name to a resolution asking Congressman Newhouse to attend a meeting or skype with Methow Valley concerned citizens.

Mayor In-Moody stated thanked them for their comments.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days in Olympia and met with legislators re: Twisp priorities and discussed AWC City Priorities.
- She reported that Representative Condotta is working with the Town on Capital Budget Funding for the civic building. She stated that Representative Steele is also in support of the civic building.
- She reported that she is working with Washington State University and their Alternative Energy branch on a possible feasibility study to see if the civic building could operate with alternative energy.

- She reported that the PW staff has been working hard on snow removal and is now turning their attention to repairing the sweeper and other spring issues.
- She reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is having its spring time filamentous concerns with sludge not settling in the ditch.
- She reported that she and Director Denham are working together on public works issues.
- She reported that Architects West is working on a parking assessment for the civic building due to concerns raised by citizens.
- She reported that the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) is moving closer to becoming a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The State Senate approved the proposal and the House of Representative will now vote on the matter in the near future.

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 questions asked by the Council members.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Subdivision Ordinance

Planner Danison explained that the revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance is being submitted to the Council in sections as it is reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission (P/C). The P/C had recommended the Introduction and Definitions of the Subdivision Ordinance to the Council at a previous meeting. Subdivision Ordinance 17.35 and 17.40 are now being recommended to the Council for their review. Planner Danison explained that 17.35 Improvements and 17.40 Design Standards to a great extent mirror the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, Design Standards, Table I & II which was approved by Council on November 08, 2016.

Mayor Ing-Moody asked the Council to review the proposed changes to Subdivision Ordinance 17.35 and 17.40 and get back to Planner Danison with any concerns or questions.

Action: Personnel Policy Manuel

Clerk Moriarty found a discrepancy in the Personnel Policy Manual that a change had been made to Section 8.1 Leaves of Absence and Time Off but not made to 5.5 Compensation upon Termination, both of which pertain to accrual of unused vacation time.

Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council discussed vacation accrual. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Clerk Moriarty to gather examples from other government entities' policies on vacation accrual and provide to Council at a later date.

Discussion: Council Retreat

The Council had been polled and April 28th and 29th will work in their schedules for a council retreat. Department Heads will attend on Friday afternoon and give their annual reports and Saturday will be the Council's time to discuss priorities and the vision for the future of Twisp.

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 February, 2017.

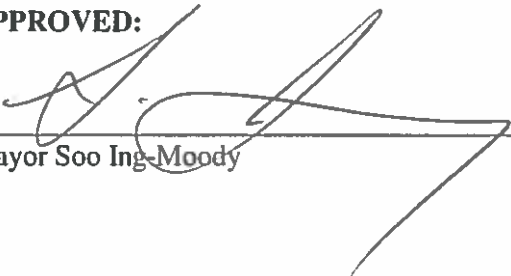
Accounts Payable	Checks # 32949-32955	\$441.00	02/27/17
Account Payable	Checks #32956-32970	\$21,214.06	02/28/17
US Rural Development	EFT Trans #493	\$683.00	02/28/17
Accounts Payable	Check #32971	\$642.16	02/28/17

Council Member Smith 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 6:08 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty