

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 12/12/2017

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Council Member absent: Mayor Ing-Moody was in attendance by phone.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: N/A

Deletions: Request to strike the last action item: Recognition of Service. The item will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith opened the public comment period at 5:35 p.m.

Dwight Filer discussed the Tree City application that had been submitted, he should know if it is approved in three weeks. The Tree Ordinance is on hold until the attorney can get more input from the Council to draft a revision. Mr. Filer is attempting to find new Tree Board members for appointment by the Mayor. Councilmember Smith acknowledged he would work with Mr. Filer and the reconstituted Tree Board to update the Tree Ordinance.

Mark Edson asked the Council when he would receive a response to his inquiries regarding SEPA documentation he submitted dated September 24th, November 7th and November 15th. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith stated he appreciated Mr. Edson's comments but noted that the issue did not seem to be councilmatic at this time.

Dick Ewing was invited by Council Member Fleming to discuss the Methow Watershed Council regarding a consideration to change the bylaws to include a consensus based decision making process in order to collaborate with the tribes. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith explained to Council what his idea of consensus based decision making consists of; Mayor Ing-Moody agreed with his assessment. She stated that the group is in the process of reviewing the bylaws to make this decision.

Public comment period closed at 5:44 p.m.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported via telephone on the following:

She is in Washington D.C. representing the Methow Valley and the Town of Twisp in regards to the Headwaters campaign. She has met with Congressman Dan Newhouse, Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Dave Reichert's assistant, Senator Maria Cantwell staff. She has also met with representatives from The Bureau of Land Management and the new Chief of the Forest Service, Tony Tooke, and feels the meetings went well and we are moving in a positive direction. She reported that she has also spoken with legislators on other Twisp and Methow Valley matters such as the Civic Building, the North Cascades Smokejumper Base issue, as well as the Trails Stewardship Act application.

Staff Reports

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

Clerk Moriarty introduced Andrea Thompson to the staff as the new Deputy Clerk; Council welcomed her.

Public Works Director Denham reported on the status of a handful of recent complaints from citizens regarding the new LED lighting. He stated that since he had received the complaints, the PUD has installed shields on the lights and had turned down the wattage from 70 watts to 40 watts and that some of the residents had stated the changes had made a difference.

Council Member Fleming asked Director Denham about the impact of the new brewery on the sewer system. Director Denham stated he was working closely with the brewery to determine exactly the type of impact the brewery discharge would have on the sewer plant and that he would keep the Council informed of his findings.

Director Denham reported that Town was denied the 2018 Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant but would be in a more competitive position for the following year. He stated the County and the State would be doing chip sealing in 2018 and the Town could work in conjunction with them to save money.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

Council Member Caswell reported that the Friends of the Pool board membership had been declining and that they were thinking of reducing the board size going forward. Director Denham had attended the most recent meeting and is going to help develop a capital facility upgrade plan for the Friends of the Pool to use for future planning. He reported that Lori Rodio will not be the pool manager in 2018.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Action: Ordinance #722 – 2017 Budget Amendment

Motion: Council Member Studen moved to approve Ordinance #722 – 2017 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Action: Ordinance #725 – 2018 Final Budget Approval

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked the staff for their hard work preparing the budget. She stated two areas of primary focus in 2018 centers around developing long-term solutions for the pool and the airport as both require expenditures in excess of current revenue streams.

Motion: Council Member Fleming moved to approve Ordinance #725 - 2018 Final Budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

Action: Building Inspector Services Contract Amendment

Motion: Council Member Fleming moved to approve the Building Inspector Services Contract Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomson and passed unanimously.

Action: Reschedule December 26th, 2017 meeting

Motion: Council Member Fleming moved to approve the rescheduling of the December 26, 2017 meeting to December 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell 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 12th day of December, 2017.

Payroll	EFT – Trans #3016-3031, 3055, 3086, 3097-3098, 3155—3158, Checks #14318-14321	\$76,543.34	11/30/2017
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT – Trans #3093	\$608.36	12/01/2017
US Dept. of Agriculture	EFT – Trans #3094	\$395.00	12/02/2017
Accounts Payable	Check #33606-33646	\$128,350.44	12/12/2017

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith asked that the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting be revised. In the Commission reports section, he wanted the change to state “He stated that this type of change would likely be necessary to allow the Colville and Yakama Tribes to participate in the MWC, should they be interested in doing so.”

In the Highland Associates Contract Section Council Member Smith asked that the wording be changed to the following: “Council Member Smith abstained from voting on this contract because he did not have access to the contract for review as he participated by phone.”

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the consent agenda with the amended minutes from the November 28th meeting stated above. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

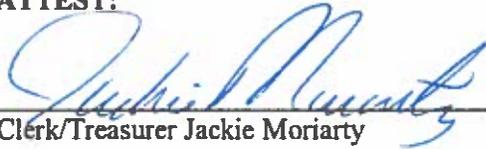
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro-Tem Hans Smith

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty