

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 02/08/11
7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Council Member present: Tom Gehring
Hans Smith
Traci Day

Council Members absent: Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bob Lloyd

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Twisp Airport Grant

Deletions:

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 01/25/11
- Payroll and Accounts Payable

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 8th day of February, 2011:

Dept. of L&I	EFT #9101210	\$2,895.72	12/31/11
FP Francotyp-Postalia	EFT/Trans #264	\$500.00	12/31/10
DOR	EFT/Trans # 244	\$77.04	01/28/11
Payroll	12663 - 12697	\$28,658.55	01/31/11
AWC	EFT/TRANS # 237	\$8,834.80	01/31/11
DRS	EFT/TRANS #238	\$3,106.70	01/31/11
IRS	EFT/TRANS #239	\$7,500.88	01/31/11
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT/Trans # 262	\$1,254.99	02/03/11
Payroll	#12698 - #12702	\$4,390.00	02/04/11
Accounts Payable Checks	#28085 - #28101	\$51,032.62	02/08/11

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the consent agenda with amended minutes from 01/25/11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- Police Chief hiring packets have been distributed to the hiring committee.
- Met with Winthrop Mayor Dave Acheson.
- Will be attending a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meeting in Chelan on 02/09/11.

Staff Reports

Police Department

Interim Police Chief Rick Balam reported on the following:

- He went over monthly stats.
- Dave Rodriguez, Gisberth Gonzales and Shane Jones have been hired as temporary police officers until a Chief is hired.
- 17 applications have been received for the Police Chief position.
- The Police Department will now be open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday; unless posted otherwise on Fridays.
- He went over the 2010 police stats and answered Council's questions.

Public Works Department

Public Works Superintendent Moss reported on the following:

- Complaints regarding icy streets have declined.
- The cold weather has taken a toll on the equipment at the treatment plant.
- He is trying to obtain funding for the diffuser project.
- There has only been one frozen meter so far this season.
- Public Works staff will begin cleaning and sterilizing the well houses; part of routine maintenance.
- He is researching a meter replacement program and replacing meter reading equipment.
- He met with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Committee Council Members Gehring and Day and the Friends of the Pool.

Fire Department

Fire Department Volunteer William Robinson reported on the following:

- Okanogan County Fire District #6 Chief Don Waller donated a response system to the Twisp Fire Department. Volunteers call in when they are responding to a fire alarm. The system tracks who is responding and when they will arrive.

Administrative Office

Clerk Moriarty reported on the following:

- Proposed changes to Chapter 13 of the Twisp Municipal Code have been made by her and Superintendent Moss and have been submitted to Council Members Estes and Smith for their review. A meeting will be held soon to review the proposed changes and prepare a copy for Council's consideration.

Action: A meeting for the Public Works Council Committee, Superintendent Moss and Clerk Moriarty will be set.

Airport

Airport Manager Bob Howson reported on the following:

- He will meet soon with Dave Sandoz to discuss the proposed fuel tank resolution.
- He recently met with the Non-Utility Council Committee, Council Members Day and Smith to discuss airport issues.
- He is researching a way to get water to the airport. Mayor Ing-Moody asked the Non-Utility Committee and Superintendent Moss to meet with him to discuss more airport issues.

Action: Set a meeting for the Non-Utility Council Committee, Superintendent Moss and Airport Manager Howson.

Committee/Board/Commission Reports

Parks and Recreation Commission

Council Member Gehring discussed an opportunity to submit a Recreation and Conservation Office grant in the upcoming biennium. Council Member Gehring reported this grant should be similar to the grant submitted by the Town in the spring of 2010. The criteria for the grant will be released and available mid-February and the deadline for submission of the grant will be May 2, 2011. There is a very small pool of money available but if the Town does not take this opportunity it will be two years before the next grant cycle. Council Member Gehring feels that since the Town has developed a relationship with the RCO grant board our chances may be better the second time around.

Action: Add this item to the next agenda for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Twisp Chamber of Commerce – Assistance in Promoting Tourism

Sandy Moody and Amy Stork, representatives of the Twisp Chamber of Commerce came to Council to offer some financial help to beautify the Visitor's Information Center (VIC) as well as improving signage

and functionality. Ms. Stork reported the Chamber has approximately \$3,500 to contribute towards display racks, maps etc., portable items that could be moved in case the location of the VIC changed.

Mrs. Moody reported she had attended an Okanogan County Tourism Council (OCTC) meeting and that the group decided to invest money in VICs in Okanogan County to make services consistent throughout the County. The OCTC will pick two VICs to partner with this year.

The Council discussed the issue of the Twisp Chamber of Commerce and the Town working more closely in the future to offer tourists and businesses the best possible service.

Highlands Associates 2011 Contract for Planning Services

Mayor Ing-Moody asked that this issue be put on the agenda for the February 22, 2011 when we have a full Council present.

Action: Place the Highlands Associates 2011 Contract for Planning Services on the next agenda.

Council Retreat – Set Time and Date

After a brief discussion Council decided the Council retreat will be held in a meeting room at Sun Mountain on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9:00 am until finished.

Ordinance #623 – Parks and Recreation Commission

Clerk Moriarty presented Ordinance #623 regarding the change of criteria for becoming a Parks and Recreation Commission member.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance #623 amending Section 2.30.020 of the Twisp Municipal Code to change the definition of Parks and Recreation Commission positions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Submission of a Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Grant for Engineering Design

Airport Manager Howson reported he had contacted Eric Johnson, Project Manager for the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Division about a grant for engineering and design for a taxiway on the north side of the Twisp Airport. Airport Manager Howson reported the Town would need to pay approximately \$3,000 in match (5%) of the \$60,000 grant. Howson wanted to confirm the level of commitment by the Council for this grant and for a future grant for the actual project. The construction grant would most likely be applied over a two year period to obtain the amount of funding required for taxiway construction. Council discussed the 2011 budget and the need for a 5 year plan for the airport. Mayor Ing-Moody pointed out that there are no plans or funding in the Capital Facilities Plan in 2011 for work at the airport.

Action: Council Members Day and Smith will set a meeting with Airport Manager Howson to discuss future options.

Water Rights

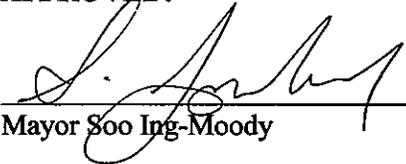
Mayor Ing-Moody discussed some history regarding a workshop Tim Flynn of Aspect Consulting held approximately one year ago with the Twisp Mayor and Council relating to water issues. Mayor Ing-Moody suggested to Council that they set a date to have Mr. Flynn come back and update them on water issues in the valley and to explain some new options that may be available to Twisp.

Action: Staff will work to set up a workshop for the Council with Tim Flynn.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty