

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 09/24/13
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day
 Clint Estes
 John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: PUD Sub-station Upgrade; Appointment of New Council Member; and Ingress/Egress at the North Cascades National Bank

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 that she has now met with all Departments regarding their budgets and she and Clerk Moriarty are working on the creation of a preliminary draft 2014 budget.
- She reported that at the last Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meeting testimony was expressed by Okanogan County representatives to remain in the current RTPO. Douglas County Commissioner, Ken Stanton heard the request and made the motion to keep Okanogan County in the RTPO with Douglas and Chelan Counties. The motion was passed. She stated that this occurrence is a reminder of the importance for Twisp and other Okanogan County members to be involved and abreast of transportation plans for our region.
- She reported that Connie Reckord of MacLeod Reckord has met with her, Council Member Day, and members of the Planning Commission, providing Ms. Reckord information that will help her to submit deliverables for the Community Trail by mid-October.
- She reported that she and Superintendent Moss have met with the Washington Survey and Reporting Bureau (WSRB) about water flow testing and the data submitted by Gray and Osborne pertaining to Twisp's water system. She said that Superintendent Moss has initiated a maintenance program that will document annual inspections and maintenance of hydrants and flow testing. Okanogan County Fire District #6 Chief Waller also attended the meeting and that concluded our work. District #6 will now also be working with WSRB on issues to improve the Town's fire rating for insurance purposes. It is anticipated that we should get some feedback from WSRB in 6 months of our rating. She reported that Burgar Street citizens have submitted a Public Event application to close off Burgar St. on Halloween night. She stated that Burgar St.

receives a huge number of trick or treaters and the neighbors would like to make it safer for kids. It was reported that Bob Rivard, an adjoining land owner with vacant space for parking, will allow parking on his property that night. It was also reported that the neighbors understand that access for EMS vehicles still needs to be provided.

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.

Superintendent Moss

- He reported that Public Works staff has flushed the water lines in the Twisp water system to combat unsatisfactory results in water testing. They will be testing the water again to see if the flushing resolved the issue.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Fleming

- He reported that he met with Fred Wert and Jay Lucas and others to discuss the organization of the group that will be the initial thrust to get a Methow Valley Park and Recreation District concept to the public. The only change proposed at this meeting is that the application will now read as a “metropolitan” district, which would essentially streamline the development process. The group is looking for active interested citizens to join in volunteering to be a part of its establishment.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Methow Valley Irrigation District – Test Well Drilling

Greg Knott, consultant for the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID), explained the MVID plan to drill a test water well on the Dave Schulz property located behind Hank’s Market. MVID is considering changing the structure of the District and the open ditch that runs along the west side of Twisp will be changed to a pressurized pipe with the irrigation water source possibly being a well located in Twisp. This well would supply irrigation water to some Town members of the District.

The test well that Mr. Knott is asking the Council to allow would be tested from September 30th - October 1st. Through the data gathered from the two days of pumping, hydrologists will be able to determine if the Schulz site well could provide the water needed to provide adequate water flow during the irrigation season. MVID has plans to change to a pressurized system in 2015.

Mr. Knott explained that the two days of pumping would show any adverse effects on neighboring wells and cross contamination. Mr. Knott also stated that the Department of Ecology would not allow the use of the well if any concerns of this nature were to arise.

Superintendent Moss stated his concern that the use of the well, if permitted, could affect the production of Twisp’s Well #3.

Mr. Knott reiterated that any adverse effects of pumping the irrigation water would cause that project to not proceed at that site. He also stated that the well site could continue to provide data if the Council decided to allow it to stay open for an extended time for testing.

Twisp Municipal Code 13.60.030, Groundwater Well Drilling, Exemption states, "Groundwater wells drilled for municipal purposes within the town limits by the town of Twisp are exempt from the provisions of this chapter." The test well would be a proved municipal purpose in supplying irrigation water to town residents that are MVID members.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the drilling of a test well by the Methow Valley Irrigation District for irrigation purposes benefitting town patrons. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Action: Mr. Knott agreed to provide information relating to hydrologist's assessments of the test well along with information of pump test data results. He was also asked to work with Superintendent Moss for use of the data logger on the Town's Well #3.

Ordinance #667 – Outdoor Recreational Burning

In reviewing Okanogan County Commissioners Resolution 61-2013, Declaration of Hazardous Fire Conditions, the Council chose to use the Commissioners language in Town Ordinance #667, amending Title 8 – Litter, Refuse, Trash and Burning, Chapter 8.20.100 of the Twisp Municipal Code.

Action: The Council requested that the revised Ordinance be submitted to them for approval at the next Council meeting.

Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition Senior Program - Additional Funding

Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council had received a letter from Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) asking for additional support dollars for 2013 to maintain the current level of services for both nutrition and transportation in Okanogan County.

For a number of years, the Town of Twisp has supported the nutrition and transportation programs of Okanogan through OCTN by giving \$1000 towards nutrition and \$1000 towards the transportation programs.

The Council's discussion centered on several key unanswered questions, the Council asked for more information on: if and how any funding cuts came about; the level of impact to services, if any for the remainder of the year; what amount of funding is needed or sought; and is there a deadline for potential cut-off of services in 2013.

Action: Staff will call OCTN, with questions gathered from the Council discussion.

Ordinance #668 – Signage Ordinance Amendments

Council Member Day, liaison to the Planning Commission, explained that most of the amendments were due to using the new Sign Ordinance and the finding of inconsistencies. She stated that Section 15.20.050 was changed from “A permit” to “Permits may be obtained to erect multiple wall signs on each wall facing a street or public right-of-way” to cover Building Inspector Sandoz’s administrative time on each sign.

Motion:

Council Member Estes made the motion to approve Ordinance #668, Signage Ordinance Amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed. Council Member Lloyd opposed.

Ordinance #670 – Budget Amendment

Clerk Moriarty explained that the Methow Valley Fund grant and the Transportation Improvement Board grant were not received and expended until after the 2013 Budget was passed. Now that the revenue is being expended, it is necessary to change the budget through an amendment.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd made the motion to approve Ordinance # 670 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Public Utility District #1 of Okanogan County Sub-Station

Council Member Fleming reported that the PUD sub-station at the east entrance of Twisp is scheduled for \$250,000 worth of improvements. He stated that the sub-station appears to many as a gateway into Twisp and asked the Council if a letter could be sent to the PUD Commissioners asking if any aesthetic changes could be included with their plans for the project.

Action: A letter will be sent to the PUD Commissioners asking that some thought be given to beautification due to the location of the sub-station east of Twisp.

Pedestrian Safety at North Cascade National Bank

Council Member Estes was approached by a citizen who asked the Town to help pedestrians get better access to North Cascade National Bank (NCNB). The Council discussed that there is currently no pedestrian access to NCNB’s front door without the need to traverse through landscaping and the parking lot. In the winter, there is no path through the snow, and pedestrians must walk in and out the entrance and exits of the parking lot to get to the front door. Council recognized that the Bank property is private property and not part of the Town’s jurisdiction but that this matter could be brought to their attention.

Action: Council Member Estes will talk to the management at NCNB about the expressed pedestrian safety concerns.

Appointment of New Council Member

At the September 9th Council meeting, Mayor Ing-Moody had informed the Council that she had received a letter from Council Member Hill stating his immediate resignation from Council. Clerk Moriarty was asked to research the necessary timeline for the appointment of a replacement for his position. She reported that Council has 90 days in which to appoint a replacement from Council Member Hill's resignation date of September 8th. As such, the Council would have to fill the position by December 8th. Council Member Hill was running against Dwight Filer. In talking to Okanogan County Auditor's Office, once the election results are certified, the winner of the election could take office immediately.

The Council decided to wait until the November 5th election results are certified to fill position #5.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes –September 10, 2013

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 24th day of September, 2013.

Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans # 2110	\$500.00	09/05/13
Checks	#30220 – 30242	\$18,511.19	09/24/13
US Rural Development	EFTs Trans 2140-2142	\$1,354.00	09/28/13
Checks	#30243-30248	\$378.00	09/30/13

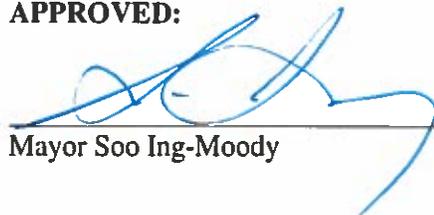
Motion:

Council Member Day moved to approve the minutes and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed. Council Member Fleming abstained from voting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty