

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 02/11/14
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Council Members present: John Fleming
 Dwight Filer
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: Bob Lloyd
 Clint Estes

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming 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 had meetings with Senator Evans-Parlette, Representative Condotta and Representative Hawkins in Olympia at the Legislative Action Days.
- Representative Condotta had offered to submit an application for a 2014 Legislative Session Capital Member Requested Local Community Project for Town Hall plans. The application would include feasibility review and construction plans of a new Town Hall and public works building.
- She was asked by the Association of Washington Cities to speak on the Capitol Steps in Olympia to other municipal leaders attending Action Days about establishing partnerships and nurturing relationships with other entities.
- She will be attending a Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) meeting where the entities will again be discussing potential restructuring of the RTPO.

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.

Police Chief Budrow was asked about the timeframe used to inform the public about the recent cougar sightings in Twisp. He explained that there were no actual confirmed sightings in Town limits but that

there had been evidence of tracks. His department submitted the information to news sources as soon as this confirmation was received.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Filer reported on the Okanogan County Transportation Authority (OCTA) meeting he had attended.

He reported on the following:

- Council Member Fleming filled in for him at a previous OCTA meeting, where the Board decided to set the rate to be collected at four/tenth of one percent.
- He attended an OCTA meeting February 10, 2014.
- The Authority has hired Scott DeTro as its attorney.
- Okanogan County Treasurer McCormick attended the February 10th meeting and explained how the County would handle the tax money when received in April.
- The Authority will be writing its procedures and policies, as they need to be in place to start the hiring process for a CEO and administrative assistant.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Agreement Renewal – USGS Data Collection Equipment

The current agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey had expired. The agreement allowed the USGS to access Town property to operate a PIT reader which requires weekly data collection. The data assesses fish populations and their productivity and limiting factors within the Methow and Chewuch Rivers.

Motion:

Council Member Day made the motion to approve the continued access to the Methow River by the US Geological Survey Biological Resources Division. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointment – Susan Ernsdorff

Mayor Ing-Moody submitted to the Council her appointment of Susan Ernsdorff to the Planning Commission for their approval. Ms. Ernsdorff has been attending Planning Commission meetings as a private citizen and is excited about working on the Commission.

Motion:

Council Member Filer moved to approve Mayor Ing-Moody's appointment of Susan Ernsdorff as a Planning Commission member. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Methow Watershed Council Vacant Position

Town of Twisp Methow Watershed Council Liaison Hans Smith reported to the Council that there is an applicant for a vacancy on the Watershed Council. He is asking the Council for authority to interview the applicant.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve granting Mr. Smith the authority to interview the prospective Methow Watershed Council applicant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Resolution #14-532 – U.S. Bike Route System

Approval of Resolution #14-532 would support the nomination of Twisp as part of the proposed United States Bicycle Route System Implementation in Washington (USBR) 10 Route. The cities of Omak and Okanogan have already given their support and Twisp is the next link along the SR 20 Corridor.

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that in time some infrastructural benefits may result as consequences of being on the route. Future transportation applications may be strengthened when competing for future funding.

Motion:

Council Member Filer moved to approve Resolution #14-532 – U.S. Bike Route System. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

2014 Methow Valley Community Center Lease for Library

The Town of Twisp is the lead agency for the North Central Regional Library System in Twisp. The Town rents the space for the library from the M.V. Community Center and the North Central Regional Library System partially reimburses the Town for the rent. The lease agreement with the Community Center is a yearly lease requiring annual renewal.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to approve the Methow Valley Community Center Lease for the library. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #677 – Creating a Sewer Fund

In the 2014 Budget that the Council had approved and adopted, the Sewer Fund had been separated from the Water Fund. Water and Sewer Funds had always been under one Fund in the past. Ordinance #677 creates the separate sewer fund.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve Ordinance #677 – Creating a Sewer Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #678 – Creating a Sewer Reserve Fund

In the 2014 Budget that the Council approved and adopted, the Sewer Reserve Fund had been separated from the Water Reserve Fund. Ordinance #678 creates a Sewer Reserve Fund.

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve Ordinance #678 – Creating a Sewer Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem – Appointment

Council Member Estes is the present Mayor Pro-tem. Per RCW 35.27.160 Mayor Duties, the Mayor Pro-tem appointment needs to be reaffirmed every six months. The Council will discuss the appointment of a Mayor Pro-tem when all council members are present.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 01/14/14 and 01/27/14

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 11th day of February, 2014.

Checks	#30467-30470	\$6,014.95	12/31/13
Checks	#30492-30495	\$148.38	01/29/14
Payroll	#13674-13690 EFTs Trans # 276-280	\$44,379.02	01/31/14
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 307-309	\$2,341.51	01/01/14
Checks	#30496-30517	\$11,492.20	02/11/14

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

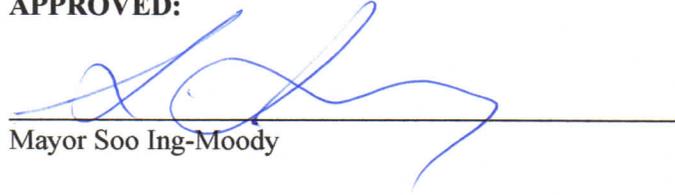
Executive Session – To Discuss Possible Property Acquisition

Council went into executive session at 7:35 for approximately 15 minutes. Council came out of executive session at 7:43. No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty