

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 07/09/13
7:00 PM

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

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day
 Clay Hill
 Clint Estes

Council Member absent: John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: There were none.

Deletions: There were none.

Public Hearing: Six Year Transportation Plan – Resolution #13-520

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing to take comments on the Six Year Transportation Plan at 7:03 pm. Being as there were not any public comments, the meeting was closed at 7:04 pm.

Superintendent Moss stated that in preparing the Six Year Plan he paid close attention to costs involved in the street projects and made cost changes where appropriate. He stated that improvements to arterials are getting most of the attention from funding sources and that is one reason why Lincoln Street, 3rd and 2nd Avenue projects are listed.

Another line item will be added to the Plan to note Off Street Trails East Side of Methow River with a Proposed Date of 2016, a Cost of \$400,000 and a Proposed Funding Source of Recreation Conservation Office.

Motion:

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution #13-520 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There were none.

Mayor's Report

None.

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.

Chief Budrow

Council Member Hill noted the section of Chief Budrow's Report Summary pertaining to aging police vehicles and asked how many vehicles the department needs in order to function. Chief Budrow stated that with a two man department they need two vehicles and a spare for part-time help.

Council Member Hill shared information he had gathered pertaining to hybrid and electric vehicles. He stated that if the department were to purchase an alternative fuel source vehicle, the cost savings in fuel could be used for other department needs. To power the vehicle a charging station would need to be built, as has been discussed in the past.

Council Member Lloyd commented that though the Town of Twisp's jurisdictional area may seem small, the actual area officers are expected to travel in vehicles extends beyond our borders. It was noted that Twisp police can travel from the top of Washington Pass to the City of Okanogan in the act of police duty and he questioned whether a hybrid or electric vehicle would be suitable for distance travel. Mayor Ing-Moody and Council thanked Council Member Hill for his information.

Superintendent Moss

Council Member Lloyd asked Superintendent Moss when street patching was going to start again. Superintendent Moss stated that it would be starting this week.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Little Libraries – Methow Valley Arts

Amanda Jackson, Executive Director of Methow Valley Arts has asked if the Town would allow a Little Library to be placed in the Commons Park. The concept of a Little Library is that a person can leave books that they have read and want to share with others and pick out books from the Little Library that others have left. An example of the structure to house the books could be a mailbox type looking structure on a post.

Action: The Council has many questions about the Little Library concept and Mayor Ing-Moody will ask Ms. Jackson to attend a Council meeting to better explain the project.

Resolution #13-519 - Okanogan County Transit Authority – Support for Okanogan County Transportation System and Ballot Initiative

At the June 25th Council meeting, the Council stated their support for the Okanogan County Transit Authority ballot initiative of a 0.4% sales tax increase to fund public transit.

Council Member Lloyd was not at the June 25th meeting and voiced his concern that the transit system would possibly encourage shoppers to spend their money in the Okanogan Valley instead of the Methow Valley.

Council Member Hill stated that there are Okanogan County Transit Authority Board members who share his concern for the local economies. He stated his belief that the transit use would be used more for the purpose of travel to employment, appointments and education. He stated that the Board members believe the transit will be used mainly by lower income citizens who might not otherwise be able to travel to the Okanogan Valley and not necessarily used for large shopping trips.

It was iterated by Council Members Estes and Day that putting the ballot measure before the citizens would allow the people to decide whether the Methow Valley should support a public transportation system.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to approve Resolution # 13-519 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed. Council Member Lloyd opposed the motion.

Ordinance #665 – Unfit Dwellings, Structures and Premises (establishment of an Appeals Board)

Ordinance #665 came before the Council as an action item but the Ordinance will come back to them at a future Council meeting for review and approval as changes were made to the text.

The Council changed the title of the Ordinance to state relating to **description** of Unfit Dwelling and not **establishment** of Unfit Dwellings. The Council asked that language be inserted to state the Building Inspector will enforce the regulations of the Ordinance. 15.08.020 Purpose C. was changed to **describe** an administrative appeal process and not establish an administrative appeal process. The Council asked that mention of the International Conference of Building Officials, 1997 Edition be changed to state whichever edition of the code is current and on file with the Town.

As the building inspector was not present for the discussion, these changes are being requested as is his and the attorney’s subsequent review of the Ordinance again. Mayor Ing-Moody suggested the Building Inspector Sandoz be present at the next meeting the Ordinance is presented again.

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 9th day of July, 2013.

Payroll	#13495-13518 EFTs Trans # 1444-1448	\$44,611.87	06/30/13
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 1475,76, 79	\$2,341.51	07/01/13
Checks	#30046-30082	\$18,994.41	07/09/13
Payroll	#13519-13522	\$3,250.00	07/15/13

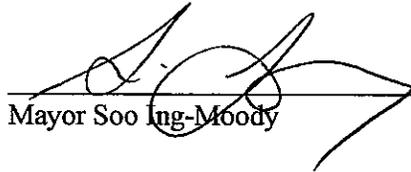
Motion:

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

Adjournment

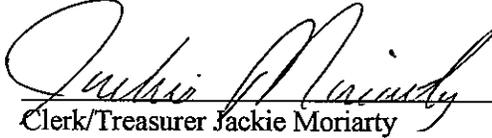
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty