

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes – 02/22/11  
7:00 PM**

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

Council Member present:       Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem  
  Hans Smith  
  Traci Day  
  Bob Lloyd

Council Members absent:       Tom Gehring, Excused

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Lloyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

Additions:

Deletions:

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes – 02-08-2011
- 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 22<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011:

<b>St WA Dept Revenue</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #247</b>	<b>\$5,782.31</b>	<b>01/31/11</b>
<b>Accounts Payable Checks</b>	<b>28105/28135</b>	<b>\$46,041.39</b>	<b>02/22/11</b>
<b>US Rural Dev</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #351</b>	<b>\$354.00</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>US Rural Dev</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #352</b>	<b>\$683.00</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>St. WA Dept Revenue</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #421</b>	<b>\$1,949.67</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>

**Motion:**

Council Member Day moved to approve the consent agenda with minutes from 02-08-11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

## **Public Comment Period**

Paul Christen reviewed his recollection of the Twisp Municipal Airport's history relating to wells and water and submitted it to Council.

**Action: Airport committee will research the history given to them and meet with the Airport Board.**

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- New police chief hiring update; March 1 & 2 are the dates set to interview 4 candidates.
- The Council retreat is set for February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- She will be contacting the mayors of Oroville, Omak and Tonasket about an increase in sales tax, and Winthrop Mayor Acheson will also discuss this potential with the remaining Towns in Okanogan County
- The Department of Justice has approved the revised grant budget and we are clear to begin drawing on the grant.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Police Department**

Interim Police Chief Rick Balam reported on the following:

- The Public Safety committee will be working on civil service rules and regulation.
- The new police vehicle is in Moses Lake for equipment installation.

### **Public Works Department**

Public Works Superintendent Moss reported on the following:

- Streets are already showing signs of potholes; they will need lots of cold and hot patching.
- The Sewer Treatment plant is working well.
- Staff is preparing for a State Department of Health inspection of the Town's well houses.
- Two meters have frozen.
- Twisp Municipal Code Title 13 Public Utilities is being reviewed by the Public Works Committee and himself.
- The pool leak is on his list of priorities.
- The water meter reading system needs to be replaced and a recommendation was given to the Mayor to accept Neptune's bid for the replacement system.
- Manual read meters will be changed out this year as the budget allows.
- The capital expense of going to radio read meters is too high at this time but would help in accessing hard-to-get-to pits.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Department Chief Keith Comstock

- Recent calls have all been vehicle accidents due to the weather.
- There is a new FD recruit and Chas Somerville has retired from the FD.

- Dist #6 is getting a new tender with an automatic transmission, making it easier to train firefighters.
- Firefighters will need to update their wildfire cards in March.

### **Administrative Office**

Clerk/Treasurer Moriarty was attending training; no report.

### **Airport**

Airport Manager Bob Howson reported on the following:

- Working with Eric Johnson of Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation regarding the issue of matching funds for the next phase of airport improvements.
- The new runway, aprons and sealant are showing signs of wear from snow plow chains.
- A recent newspaper article stated a negative balance for the airport budget which he doesn't believe is correct.

**Action: The Mayor will meet with Superintendent Moss and Airport Manager Howson to discuss chains and snowplowing.**

**Action: A meeting between the Mayor, Airport Board, Non-Utilities Facilities Committee and Bob Howson will be set-up to discuss future internal communications.**

### **Committee/Board/Commission Reports**

Public Works:

- TMC 13 Public Utilities

**Action: Meeting will be scheduled**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Highlands Associates 2011 Contract for Planning Services**

Council Member Estes moved to approve the Highlands Associates 2011 Contract for Planning Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed. Council Member Smith abstained from voting.

### **Water Rights**

Mayor Ing-Moody proposed that, with two new council members, now would be a good time to invite Tim Flynn, Aspect Consulting, to present about the Town's water rights issues. Mr. Flynn is available mid-March when he is in Town for a Methow Watershed Council meeting. Although no funds have been specifically allocated for an Aspect Contract in the 2011 budget, if necessary, an amendment to the budget to support this contract could be an option giving the importance of water rights issues for the future.

**Action: A date and time will be scheduled to meet with Mr. Flynn in mid March.**

**Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Submission**

Council Member Day suggested the topic be deferred until the next meeting when Council Member Gehring could be present.

**Resolution #11- 482 – Twisp Municipal Airport – Incompatible Land Uses**

Draft Resolution #11-482 was discussed and proposed changes will go to the Airport Committee before coming back to the Council as an action item.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Amendment to TMC Chapter 9.10 – City Park Rules and Regulations**

The amendment was discussed by the Council. Council Member Day explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be reviewing park rules in the future but for now the issue of alcohol in the Twisp Park should be addressed. There are event organizers waiting to review the proposed rules to see if their event should be held in the Twisp Park.

The section on alcohol in the Public Events Application now contains additional requirements that were approved by Interim Chief Balam.

Council Member Day would like Council Member Gehring to review the proposed changes to the amendment before its adoption.

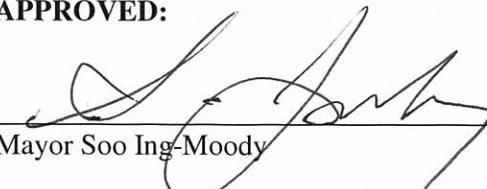
**Action: Bring Amendments for TMC Chapter 9.10 - City Park Rules and Regulations to Council for action at March 8, 2011 meeting.**

**Action: Clerk Treasurer Moriarty will research the Town’s AWC insurance costs and park coverage and provide the information to Council at the March 8, 2011 meeting.**

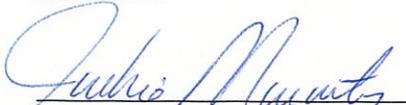
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty