

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 10/11/11
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Council Member present: Tom Gehring
 Traci Day
 Hans Smith

Council Members absent: Council Members Estes and Lloyd

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance #632

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm to discuss the stated amendments to Zoning Ordinance #620.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Ing-Moody closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

Consultant Planner Schrock:

Proposed Resolution #11- 496 would change the Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and the proposed changes in Zoning Ordinance #632 would then be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Action on Resolution #11-496 and Zoning Ordinance #632

Deletions:

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 09/27/11 and 10/03/11
- 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 11th day of October, 2011:

USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2380	\$683.00	09/28/2011
USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2381	\$354.00	09/28/2011
USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2382	\$317.00	09/28/2011
FP Francoty-Postalia	EFT Trans # 2499	\$500.00	09/28/2011
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 2551	\$1,254.99	10/01/2011
Payroll	12974-12997	\$48,197.34	10/05/2011
	EFT Trans # 2539- 2542 & 2544		
Checks	28683-28719	\$36,209.14	10/11/2011

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from 09/27/11 and 10/03/11 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

2% Hotel/Motel Disbursement

Jane Hubrig, of The Merc Playhouse was also representing the Methow Arts Alliance and the Confluence Gallery. The non-profits are grateful for 2% monies that they receive from the Town of Twisp. Non-profits put heads in beds during all seasons of the year in the Methow Valley. The non-profits understand there is talk the Chamber changing the structure Visitor’s Information Center and the 2% disbursement.

William Stolberg, of the Winthrop Music Association, puts on the Rhythm and Blues Festival. Some monies from that event are shared with other non-profits: The Cove and Methow Valley Theater for example. The money that is collected by hotels and motels should be used for advertising the Methow Valley. Mr. Stolberg feels the mechanism used to decide the disbursement of the 2% monies by the Chamber is not proportional to what the event brings into the valley. The Twisp Town Council is ultimately responsible for the funds.

Peggy Willis, of Cascadia, stated Cascadia has a small budget and relies on the 2% monies received from the Town of Twisp. The publicity that the monies are used for is broad based.

The 2% Hotel/Motel Disbursement was not an agenda item for this meeting. Mayor Ing-Moody will schedule a meeting the Twisp Chamber, the non-profits and the finance committee.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She is working on the 2012 budget.

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;

- Airport Manager Howson reported that activity at the airport has had strong. The irrigation system has been winterized.
- Superintendent Moss reported that the wastewater treatment plant diffuser project was underway. The roof replacement project has been put on hold due to the change in weather. There is a stop gap measure that can be used to secure the safety of the roof until spring. In his research on the roof replacement, he has found that the structure of Town Hall is unsound due to hollow concrete blocks with no rebar support. Concrete can be poured in the walls to strengthen them. The fire siren will have to be removed during the roof repair and there are problems with the power supply, air conditioning and scuppers.
- Consultant Planner Schrock reported that the Department of Ecology (DOE) had provisionally approved Twisp's Shoreline Master Plan. She will discuss with the Planning Commission at their 10/12/11 meeting the issues she is still working on with Clynda Case, DOE Shoreline Planner. There is a deadline of 10/19/11 for a letter signed by the mayor accepting the plan. Methow Recycles in wanting to expand their activities and they have tentatively asked for abutting Town property for their expansion. Betsy Cushman, Director of Methow Recycles will meet with the Planning Commission at the 10/12/11 meeting. Planner Schrock is reviewing the first short plat application for 2011.

Commission/Board Reports

There were no Commission reports submitted.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ameri-Corp Needs Assessment for the Methow Valley

Erin Flahive a volunteer for Ameri-Corp is doing a Social Services Needs Assessment for the community. This assessment will help identify met and unmet needs within the community. There will be a focus group that will help design a community survey. She has a timeframe of spring 2012 to compile the data into information that can be used by Room One and others.

Ordinance #634 – Firearms/Weapons in Town Limits

Dave Schulz - Mr. Schulz questioned the language used in Ordinance #634. He takes exception to the term "Aim" in 9.20.010. He works with the Game Department to control the wild animals in his orchard. This ordinance puts an added burden on his attempts at animal control and doesn't cover emergency situations.

Herb Rosenberg – Mr. Rosenberg questioned the term "Aim" in 9.20.010 also. He feels there should not be no hunting in the town limits but Schulz's orchard is an exception. The orchard is a commercial venture and protecting the orchard should be a simple matter with the Game Department. He feels the use of shotguns should not be allowed in the Town limits.

Mark Edson – Mr. Edson believes Mr. Schulz’s livelihood should not be penalized by this ordinance. In 9.20.030, Exceptions, he asked if proper channel for authorization for exceptions should be the Chief of Police and not the Town Council.

Mayor Ing-Moody suggested that a requirement of a depredation permit from the Dept of Fish and Wildlife might be a consideration for Council provided that there be advanced notice given to the Town of Twisp Police Department that such a permit has been issued. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has requirements and guidelines that would assess each applicant’s need for the permit and provide oversight and management.

Council Member Day noted circumstances other than animal control in Schulz’s orchard could require the use of the Game Department depredation permit process. She doesn’t want firearms discharged in Town but wants Mr. Schulz’s orchard to be protected in emergency situations.

Council Member Gehring asked the Council to proceed cautiously. He feels that the discharging of firearms is unnecessary and unsafe in the Town limits. The intent of the ordinance is the safety of the citizens.

Council Member Smith believes the likelihood of harm due to discharging of guns in the Town limits is small. He questioned the term “reasonable” in 9.02.010 B. The word “demonstratable” would be a better word.

Chief Budrow explained that “reasonable” is the legal term that is used throughout law enforcement when officers are making decisions. Chief Budrow would like to see shotguns allowed in the Town limits with a certain type of shot to allow for more accurate shooting of small animals than with a bow and arrow. There is more liability with rifles than with any other method of firearms and dangerous weapons mentioned in the ordinance.

Mayor Ing-Moody sees from the discussion that there needs to be more direction with the type of weapons, the inclusion of a safety zone and how to permit uses in advance through the Town.

Action: Chief Budrow will make changes to Ordinance #634 and #636 and return them to the Council for review at the next meeting.

Ordinance #636 – Hunting and Trapping in Town Limits

The proposed ordinance will be changed to read:

6.20.010 A. ~~Hunting~~ Trapping or capturing of animals or birds by law enforcement officers or game department personnel while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Adding **D.** Depredation permits as acquired from the Washington State Department of Wildlife .

6.02.202. The civil fine amount will be changed from ~~\$100~~ per offense to \$250 per offense.

The changes will come back to the Council for review at the 10/25/11 meeting. The Council had passed a motion at the 10/03/11 meeting which prohibits hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Town of Twisp Town limits for the remainder of 2011.

Methow Valley Community Center – Library Space Rent Increase

The Methow Valley Community Center Board has requested an increase of \$62.00 a month from the Town of Twisp for the North Central Regional Library rent beginning in 2012. Council Member Gehring asked if the increase was across the board to all Center renters. Council Member Smith would like the contract with the Center to be reviewed.

Action: Clerk Moriarty will ask the Methow Valley Community secretary if all the renters received the rent increase and she will provide a copy of the contract for the next meeting.

Methow Watershed FY12-13 Grants

The Methow Watershed grants include four components: Phase IV, Instream Flow Rule Revision, Feasibility Water Storage and Capital Storage. Feasibility study for water storage grant is under discussion at this meeting. Carl Burdick from the Department of Ecology would like to meet with the Town and discuss the Capital Storage grant. Lee Hatcher, Methow Watershed consultant, recommends that the Town contract with Aspect Consultants to work on the feasibility study.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to accept the \$98,000 Feasibility Storage grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

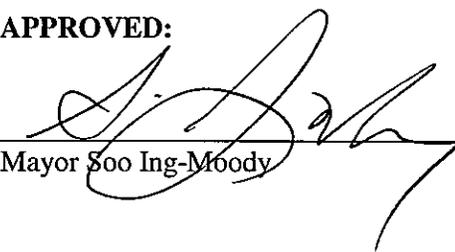
Resolution # 11-496 and Zoning Ordinance #632

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution #11-496 as amended and Zoning Ordinance #632 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

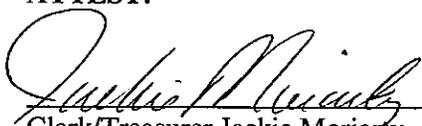
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty