

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes 12/20/12
Special Meeting**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

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

Council Members absent: Clay Hill

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town of Twisp/Fire District #6 – Contract for Fire Services

Council discussed the letter received from Fire District #6 outlining their final contract counter proposal. District #6 is requesting:

- A five year contract term with the Town of Twisp from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017. The Town will have the right to opt out of the final four years of the Contract by providing written notice to the District Board of Commissioners on or before September 1, 2013. In the event the Town opts out of the final four years the District will cease providing services to the Town on January 1, 2014.
- This Agreement will replace the 1997 Agreement in its entirety.
- The District will include arbitration and dispute resolution language in the Agreement.
- The District will retain the language of Paragraph 14 of the 2012 Agreement pertaining to the Town Fire Station in the new Agreement.
- The District will not expend any funds toward improving the town's fire rating with the Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau until and unless the Town is under contract through December 31, 2017. At the time the Town has agreed to the full term, the District will make reasonable efforts to improve the Town's fire rating but will not guarantee the outcome of the process.
- District 6 will pay the first \$10,000 of major repairs to either the Twisp fire engine or fire hall with the Town paying the balance.
- The contract amount for fire service is as follows:
 - Year 2013: \$35,000

- Year 2014: \$42,000, 20% increase from 2013
- Year 2015: \$44,100, 5% increase from 2014
- Year 2016: \$46,305 5% increase from 2015
- Year 2017: \$48,620, 5% increase from 2016
- Payments can be either monthly or quarterly.
- District 6's attorney will draft the final contract for signature by both parties.

Council discussed adding termination language in the contract in case voters agree upon the Town being annexed into Fire District #6 prior to the expiration date of the contract.

Council discussed what the Town could possibly do to prepare to bridge the financial gap for the upcoming contract years of 2014 – 2017. One idea was to propose a tax levy to the voters for fire protection only.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will contact Fire District #6 and make sure they are willing to provide fire protection while the contract is being prepared.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to approve the contract presented by Fire District #6, contingent upon the changes proposed above and legal review. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

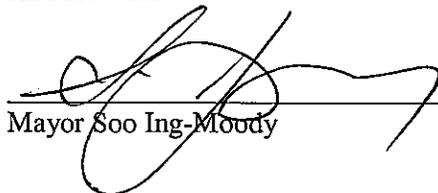
Accounts Payable

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

Adjournment

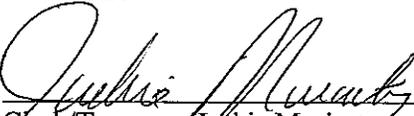
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm.

APPROVED:



 Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



 Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty