

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes – 03/08/11  
7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Council Member present: Tom Gehring  
Hans Smith  
Traci Day

Council Members absent: Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Bob Lloyd

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes – 02/22/11
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011:

<b>AWC</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #479</b>	<b>\$8,834.80</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>DRS</b>	<b>EFT/Trans # 480</b>	<b>\$2,889.00</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>IRS</b>	<b>EFT/Trans #481</b>	<b>\$6,744.52</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Check #'s 12703 - #12735</b>	<b>\$21,920.83</b>	<b>02/28/11</b>
<b>Cashmere Valley Bank</b>	<b>EFT/Trans # 487</b>	<b>\$1,254.99</b>	<b>03/01/11</b>
<b>Accounts Payable Checks</b>	<b>Check #'s 28164 - #28168</b>	<b>\$3,614.82</b>	<b>03/08/11</b>
<b>Accounts Payable Checks</b>	<b>Check #'s 28138 - #28163</b>	<b>\$8,422.77</b>	<b>03/08/11</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Check #'s 12736 - #12740</b>	<b>\$4,390.00</b>	<b>03/15/11</b>

## **Motion:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda with amended minutes from 02/22/11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

## **Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- The Council retreat held on February 26, 2011 was very successful.
- Police Chief Interviews were held on March 3, 2011; she is in the process of hiring one of the applicants and should have more information to share at the next Council meeting
- She and the Non-Utility Facilities Committee (Council Members Smith and Day) met with the Airport Board. The meeting went well and she felt the lines of communication were strengthened.
- There will be a Water Rights Workshop on March 16, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers; Tim Flynn of Aspect Consulting will be facilitating the meeting.
- She is working with Methow Watershed Council (MWC) Coordinator Lee Hatcher to satisfy DOE regarding match documentation for the MWC Planning Only Support Grant; this grant provides grant administrative funding to the Town for their work on all of the current MWC grants.
- She is determining when she will have to travel to Washington D.C. for implementation training on the Department of Justice Police Grant. Having the grant administrator and one other person from the Town attend training is a requirement of the grant; however the Mayor is trying to find out if it is necessary to send two people. Travel expenses for this training are covered in the grant and not a direct expense to the Town.

## **Staff Reports**

Written staff reports were submitted and placed in the Council packets for review: Police Department - Interim Chief Rick Balam, Public Works Department - Superintendent Howard Moss, Administrative Office - Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty, Fire Department -- Fire Chief Keith Comstock and Planning Department -- Planner Sarah Schrock.

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by the Department Heads; there were none.

## **Committee Reports**

Council Sub-Committee written reports submitted and placed in the Council packets for review: Council Member Smith – Non-Utilities Facilities and Public Works; there were no questions.

## **Board Reports**

There were no Board Reports submitted.

## **Commission Reports**

Council Sub-Committee written reports submitted and placed in the Council packets for review: Council Member Day – Planning Commission; and Council Member Gehring – TwispWorks/PDA.

Council Member Smith asked Council Member Day to explain the thought behind the comments in red in her Planning Commission report. Council Member Day stated the comments regarding meetings were her comments and all others were comments from Town Planner Schrock relating to questions the Planning Commission needed answered to continue their work.

Maggie Coon, Executive Director of TwispWorks verbally reported to Council on the following:

- They have a letter of intent to rent and begin work on one of their buildings (located at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glover Street) to a group that plans to start the Methow Valley Interpretive Center.
- They have applied for a Capital Facilities Grant through USDA to work on building insulation, weatherization etc.
- They are beginning to screen resumes for the open position of Director of Partnerships and Administration; this process could take approximately 6 weeks.
- They are launching a new website and developing a new logo.
- The TwispWorks garden will start this spring. They need a garden coordinator and they will be determining the best use of the space.
- She is interested in working with Room One and the local teen group regarding a Teen Center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance #624 – Code Compliance Regarding Alcohol in the Park**

Mayor Ing-Moody discussed Ordinance #624 regarding allowing the use of alcohol in the park. Council Member Day worked with Interim Police Chief Balam to produce a policy for use of alcohol in the park; Ordinance #624 shows that addition to the original park rules and regulations.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Gehring moved to approve Ordinance #624 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

### **Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant Submission**

Council Member Gehring reported to the Council that a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> for a “placeholder” application for the RCO grant had been missed. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council Member Gehring to contact our local representative from the RCO and inquire as to whether Twisp could still submit the application. Mayor Ing-Moody discussed who would be responsible for writing this placeholder submission; Council Member Gehring stated that Parks and Recreation Commissioners Dwight Filer and Sandi Scheinberg will do this work.

**Motion:**

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the submission of a placeholder grant application to the Recreation and Conservancy Office, Land and Water Conservation Fund if the application period is still open. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

**Airport Fuel Tank**

Council Member Smith presented a written comparison listing the pros and cons regarding passing a ground lease versus a resolution to address safety issues and liability for the airport fuel tank. Council Member Smith suggested the passage of a resolution after completing his research. Dave Sandoz, representing the airport board, had prepared and submitted a draft resolution; Council Member Smith volunteered to work with that resolution making a few changes and bringing it back to the Council at their April 12, 2011 meeting.

**Action:** Council Member Smith will have a resolution prepared for review by the Council for their April 12, 2011 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation: Teen Activities – Senior Project**

Karrisa McLane of Room One was present along with Liberty Bell students Brittany Comstock and Amber Reggiatore, two members of the Teen Center Project Team/Wreckless Teens, to discuss the need for a teen center. The group is working toward providing a place for teens to spend their time constructively and having fun. Their short-term goal is to find a location for a teen center, while their long-term goal is to have a paid coordinator. Ms. McLean provided statistics regarding teens and the risks and concerns a community should consider regarding idle teens.

Ms. Comstock reported that a survey of 110 local teens had been conducted and 90% of those surveyed were in favor of having a teen center, the team submitted an application and received a Youth As Partners (YAP) grant in the amount of \$500, two successful roller skating parties have been held and there is an upcoming movie night planned; all events so far have been held in the Community Center gym.

Another teen present, Asa Daniels addressed the Council about transportation options for young teens to travel between Twisp and Winthrop; and the development of a skate park. Mr. Daniels suggested a bus, either a school bus or the teens sharing rides with senior citizens on their bus, as possible ways to transport young teens between Winthrop and Twisp. Mr. Daniels pointed out the monetary savings for gas and the environmental impact ride sharing could provide. Mr. Daniels discussed the need for a safe skate park for young teens in Twisp. Currently, in Winthrop kids have made a place to skateboard but said that makeshift ramps do not make this option a safe one. He stated the team would like to work with the Twisp Town Council to develop a safe skate park; Daniels asked for a commitment by the Council Members for their spoken, not monetary support. Oscar Dominguez, a local Boy Scout, concurred with Mr. Daniels and shared some of the challenges and dangers of using the current area in Winthrop. Mr. Daniels mother, Phyllis Daniels would like to see a safe place for the teens to gather and play, and commended the team on receiving the YAP Grant. She shared that there is a petition being passed around for the development of a permanent skate park.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported to the team some of the discussion that has taken place at the Parks and Recreation Commission level and invited them to attend and present their ideas for a skate park to the Commission. Mayor Ing-Moody cautioned the team that even if the Council supports a skate park that

does not mean that the Town has funding. Jennifer Wallis discussed information she has gathered by contacting other communities that have successful skate parks. Ms. Wallis talked about the amount of time it can take to raise the money and build a skate park and pointed out the need to have a professional skate park company involved in the design and construction so that it is done right and will be structurally sound.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked the participants of the Senior Project for their presentation and encouraged them to stay involved and abreast of the developments of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

#### **Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations**

Council Member Smith asked that staff determine if the current ordinance regarding the establishment of a Civil Service Commission is in continuity with the proposed revised rules and regulations. A resolution for passage will be prepared by staff and presented at the next meeting.

**Action: Staff will research and provide Council with a copy of the current Civil Service Commission ordinance and prepare a resolution for passage of the rules and regulations for the next meeting.**

#### **Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Proposed Assessment Fee**

In 2007 a Right-of-Way was given to the Town by Paul Christen to complete the Airport Board's project of paving and refurbishing Aviation Lane. The Airport Board had received a grant from Okanogan County (.08 money) for the project but lacked the land for the required width of the road. Recently MVID contacted the Town stating the approximate .55 acre that was deeded to the Town had irrigation assessments due that Mr. Christen did not feel were his responsibility to pay. Mayor Ing-Moody was told by a MVID representative that if the .55 acre was contiguous to the airport property the Town would owe approximately \$60 annual for the assessment, however if it was not contiguous the Town would owe \$120 annually. Council Member Smith volunteered to research the issue and find out whether the land is contiguous with airport property, if it would be considered land that would be irrigated because of its proximity to Aviation Lane and if it would decrease the amount of water Mr. Christen can use on his existing property.

**Action: Council Member Smith will research whether the land is contiguous with airport property, if it would be considered land that would be irrigated because of its proximity to Aviation Lane, and if it would decrease the amount of water Mr. Christen can use on his existing property.**

#### **Methow Valley Youth Soccer – Use of the Field at the Airport**

Council discussed a request from the Methow Valley Youth Soccer Group to use the field at the airport for their spring soccer season running from March 20, 2011 to May 31, 2011. Superintendent Moss had no objection to the use of the field.

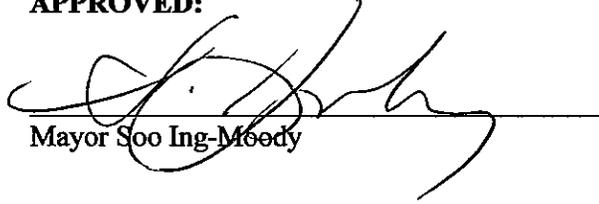
#### **Motion:**

Council Member Smith moved to approve the use of the field by the Methow Valley Soccer Group for the spring season. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

**APPROVED:**



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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**



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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty