

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 07/23/13
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Lloyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: Mike Murphy – Donation to Twisp Police Department

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that she is writing a Transportation Alternative Program grant which would allow for street improvements outside our present overlay plans. The application is asking for sidewalks from Hwy 20 east on Twisp Avenue to North Lincoln to the Twisp Park.
- She reported that Winthrop Mayor Acheson has offered a tentative date for a Twisp/Winthrop softball game of August 24th. The game and potluck would be held at the Winthrop ball field. Council Members stated that family members and Town associates will be on the game roster.

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.

Superintendent Moss

Council Member Fleming asked what emergency equipment the Town has in the event of a power outage as mentioned in Superintendent Moss's Public Works Report. It was explained that the sewer plant, sewer lift stations, wells and booster stations have generators that are monitored by public works staff during power outages.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Okanogan County Transit Authority

Council Member Hill reported that the Okanogan County Transit Authority (OCTA) ballot measure to assess 4/10th of 1% to local sales tax for the transit improvements will be on the November ballot. The cost of putting the measure on the ballot is being funded by private sources.

Community Trail

Council Member Day reported that Tina Heath who has given a non-motorized recreational trail easement to the Town for the Community Trail has asked to change the easement to a donation of a right-of-way. The Town would then own the property and Mrs. Heath would not have the underlying liability of the trail easement. The Council agreed that Mrs. Heath could move forward with the change from an easement to a right-of-way.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Little Libraries, ARTscapes, Temporary Public Art – Methow Arts

Little Libraries

Amanda Jackson, Executive Director of the Methow Arts Alliance, gave a presentation on Little Libraries. She explained that Little Libraries can be found world-wide and are felt to have a positive impact on education and literacy. The structures for the Little Libraries in the Methow Valley would attempt to showcase local artists' talents. The presently proposed location for the Twisp Little Library is the phone booth next to the Twisp Post Office. The phone booth is owned by CenturyLink and the Post Office is owned by private citizens.

Action: Town staff will provide Director Jackson with the phone number of the owners.

ARTscape

Director Jackson explained that ARTscape is designed to turn empty commercial storefronts and vacant space into attractive space better promoting the area and space to potential buyers who may see new possibilities in the once-empty building. The first ARTscape in Twisp will be at 213 S. Glover Street, a rental property that is for sale. Local artist Jessica Dietz will demonstrate her copper and weathervane artistry there.

Temporary Art

Director Jackson discussed the desire to erect temporary art in Twisp. Six super heroes' pictures by artist Eric Brooks that children colored at a previous Methow Arts Alliance event is what the Alliance would like to showcase in Twisp through the fall months. The location Director Jackson mentioned for placement was east of Town limits near the Welcome to Twisp sign. It was explained to Director Jackson that the property that she is interested in using for temporary art is under the authority of the Washington State Department of Transportation and felt that she should contact that agency for questions about the placement of art.

Directory Jackson and the Council discussed how art can help to slow down travelers as they travel through Twisp.

Centurytel of Washington dba CenturyLink Franchise

Town Attorney Scott DeTro and attorneys for Centurytel have completed an agreement which allows Centurytel to operate and maintain a telecommunications system in the Town of Twisp.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the Centurytel Franchise as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – June 25,2013 & July 09, 2013

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 23rd day of July, 2013.

Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans # 1591	\$500.00	07/16/13
Checks	#30083-30116	\$23,511.23	07/23/13
US Rural Development	EFT Trans # 1592-1594	\$1,354.00	07/28/13
Checks	#30017-30122	\$378.00	07/31/13

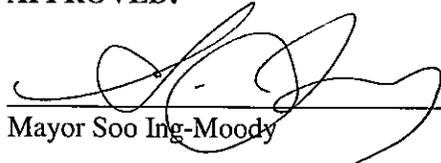
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty