

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 12/13/11
7:00 PM

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

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

Council Members absent: None

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 – 11/22/11 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 13th day of December, 2011:

Francotyp-Postalia	EFT Trans #2963	\$500.00	12/01/11
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 2964	\$1,254.99	12/01/11
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 2979	\$608.36	12/01/11
Payroll	EFTs Trans # 2950-2953	\$22,980.56	12/02/11
Checks	13034-13055	\$23,471.34	12/02/11
Check	28802	\$555.00	12/08/11
Checks	28803-28857	\$67,696.63	12/13/11
USDA Rural Dev	EFT Trans # 2977	\$22,652.00	12/22/11

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from 11/22/11 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed. Council Member Lloyd abstained.

Public Comment Period

Mike Port stated that he agrees with the increase to the Mayor's salary. He stated he believes a mayor /council structure is more efficient for the Town than a city manager structure and an adequate salary for the Mayor will allow for more qualified candidates applying for the position.

Mr. Port stated he has a handshake agreement with Mark Edson about the transfer of 60' right-of-way of Industrial Park Avenue and he would like to be on the next Council agenda to discuss the transfer with the Town.

Mark Edson noted he approves the language in Ordinance #634 Firearms and Weapons as it is in line with the Revised Code of Washington.

Mr. Edson stated that he had researched county-wide mayors' salaries and said the proposed salary increase is much higher than any of the cities quoted in his research. He stated that Twisp mayors take on the job knowing what the salary would be.

Todd Smith noted that for a town of under 1,000 in population the mayor's salary would be at the top of the pay scale and he asked if the next person to fill the position of mayor would be worth the increased salary.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody submitted to the Council her 2012 Budget and Mayor's Message.

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 reported on the two repaired water leaks; one on 5th and Methow Streets and one on Hagerman Street. He estimates the Methow Street leak had been leaking about seven gallons per minute and had probably been leaking for years which equates to about 10,000 gallon per day and about 312,000 gallons per month. The repair of the two leaks will result in a major water consumption decrease.

He reported that the Town didn't receive Transportation Improvement Board funding in this funding cycle. The Transportation Improvement Board was funding mainly arterial streets and our arterials Glover and Second Avenue have recently been improved.

Commission/Board Reports

There were no Commission reports submitted.

Committee Reports

Council Member Smith submitted the Town Hall Action Committee Update. A discussion of the detailed report will be placed on the January 10, 2012 agenda.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #634 – Firearms and Weapons

Section 9.20.030 of Ordinance #634 is revised to change the penalty from a gross misdemeanor to a civil infraction, punishable by a civil fine of a maximum of \$250 per offense.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to accept Ordinance #634 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #636 - Hunting and Trapping

Council Member Day asked that the word “Hunting” be added to the beginning of the sentence in revised Ordinance #636, 6.20.010, Hunting and Trapping Section E. which currently reads: “During any archery season established by the rules and regulations of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and within a tract of land which consists of no less than 10 contiguous acres, and at a distance of no less than 150 ft at all times from any building, and / or roadway which must be maintained for public safety purposes”. She stated her preference that Washington State Fish and Wildlife officials deal with land owners in implementing plans for the control of wild animals, and that the Town not permit archery hunting within town limits.

The Council discussed the need for fencing orchards to keep deer out; varying skill levels of archery hunters; a minimum requirement of 10 acre tracts of land for archery hunting; and the fairness and consistency of the ordinance in generally addressing the concerns surrounding hunting within Town limits.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to accept Ordinance #636 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed. Council Members Day and Gehring voted in opposition to the motion.

Twisp Chamber of Commerce Contract

The contract between the Town and the Twisp Chamber of Commerce is due for renewal. The Chamber had originally managed the Visitors Information Center, which is partially funded by Town of Twisp 2% monies.

Twisp Chamber of Commerce Vice President Sandy Moody stated the Chamber can work with a one year contract for 2012 which would allow an enhanced Visitors Information Center to prove itself to the Town and area non-profits who have received Town of Twisp 2% monies in the past.

Action: Council Members Smith and Lloyd will review the contract between the Town of Twisp and the Twisp Chamber of Commerce considering the request by the Chamber to incorporate deliverables to the Town. Council Members Smith and Lloyd will come back to the Council with a revised contract for the next meeting.

Ordinance #641 – 2011 Budget Amendment

As customary a 2011 Budget Amendment is necessary to modify the budget at the fund level.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to accept Ordinance #641 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #639 – Adoption of the 2012 Budget

Two public hearings were conducted to take public comment on the 2012 Budget. Mayor Ing-Moody noted that the 2012 budget is conservative to enable any unforeseen expenses. As in 2011, health insurance went up another 11% for 2012. For this reason, the Town health insurance plan now includes a \$500 deductible instead of last year's \$250 deductible. She noted that even with the increased deductible the Town is paying more for health insurance than in 2011.

She addressed her inclusion of a Council stipend restructure noting that this change would allow for fair compensation and accountability for Council participation.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to accept Ordinance #639 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Resolution #11-498 – Fee Schedule

Council Member Day asked that language which currently reads "The Town reserves the right to refuse to rent the facility, will collect a damage deposit, and require renters know and follow the rules of operation" be removed from the Pool Damage Deposit section of #11-498 and be placed on the Town Facilities Park/ Reservation form. Council Member Day recalled that charges for accessory dwellings were going to be included in the Fee Schedule under the Water and Sewer Rates section and requested its inclusion in the fee schedule.

Action: Accessory dwellings as administered by Superintendent Moss for water/sewer rates will be reviewed in 2012 for inclusion in the 2013 Fee Schedule.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to accept Resolution #11-498 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #640 – Salaries – TMC 2.65

Mayor Ing-Moody noted the decision to restructure Council stipends puts the Council on par with other Towns of like population and compensates for participation, providing accountability for public service. She noted that as previously, Council stipends as included in the 2012 Budget can be waived as a personal choice of the Council members.

Council Member Estes commented that the increase to the Mayor's salary is to attract competent applicants for the position.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to accept Ordinance #640 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Contract between Winthrop and Twisp for Building Inspector Services

The Town of Winthrop included a 3% increase in the contract agreement for Building Inspector Services.

Motion:

Council Member Day moved to accept the contract between Winthrop and Twisp for Building Inspector services as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Highland Associates Contract for Planning Services

A requested addition to the contract at the last meeting was noted, "1. B . Consultant's Basic and Additional Services, now includes "maintain office hours at Town Hall each Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00 pm, unless approved by the Town Clerk.

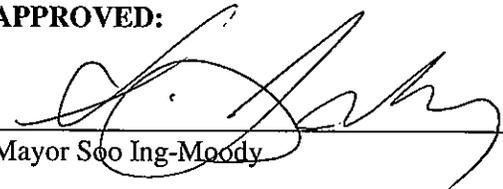
The Council questioned the inclusion of "4. Compensation and Payments: B. hourly rates for Principal Planner \$95.00" when "A." already states "the Consultant hourly rate is \$65/hour plus 6% overhead and indirect unless otherwise agreed by the Consultant and the Town."

Action: The contract will be on the January 10, 2012 agenda after Staff obtains an explanation from Highlands about the rates.

Adjournment

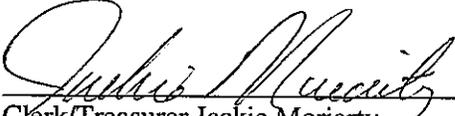
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty