

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 05/11/12 – Special Meeting
4:30 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

Council Members present: Clint Estes
 Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: Hans Smith and John Fleming

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Lloyd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire District #6 – Contract Discussion

Council discussed the proposed amount of the Town budget that the Fire District would receive for a contract running through December 31, 2012. Council Member Lloyd reported that the Commissioners are questioning why the Town would need to maintain a position for secretarial services. Mayor Ing-Moody commented that the Town would need someone to provide administrative oversight while we were contracting, maintain records, and manage oversight for our building, equipment and other property since the Town would still be accountable for maintaining and providing such information, as needed.

The Council discussed whether the Town would retain a portion of the stipend/tax budget to pay the volunteers their stipends for meetings and fire runs through May 31, 2012 or give that budgeted amount to the Fire District and have them pay the stipends. Mayor Ing-Moody will contact the volunteers to see if they would prefer partial payment from the Town through May and partial payment from the District from June through December or if the entire year's stipends would be distributed by the District.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will contact the volunteers to determine their preference for their stipend payments.

Council discussed the District's concerns about having to pay for the monthly base rate for water and sewer services for the Fire Station.

Council reviewed the draft Town/Fire District #6 Contract (version dated 05/10/12) in its entirety; the following are suggested changes:

Section 13 – Related to the termination of the 1997 Agreement. Council decided that section 13 and Recital 5 need to be reviewed by our Town Attorney.

Add a section for Accountability (section 2); bring down a portion of section 1 and add "the District agrees to provide the Town with an annual financial statement".

Section 2.6 – Needs an opinion from our Town Attorney.

Sections 4.1 and 4.2 – Council Member Lloyd questioned whether these sections need to be included; we will ask the Town Attorney.

Section 5 – Add to the title "Compensation for" Volunteer Firefighters.

Section 8 – Insurance – Add language to name Twisp as additionally insured on the District's insurance policy.

Section 9 – Reword language related to major repairs and renovations and add “approved by both parties”.

Section 11 – Reword language related to major repairs and replacements and add “approved by both parties”.

Section 13 – Add the option of them leasing or renting our building if the Town was to buy the District out of their share of interest in the Fire Hall (and have our attorney review the language as presented).

Section 14 – Insert the Town and District addresses as stated in this section.

Section 17 – Add “with the exception of Section 13.

**Please note that with these additions all future versions of the contract will be re-numbered.

Council Member Lloyd announced that he and Council Member Estes will be attending the Fire District Commissioners meeting on May 14, 2012 to discuss the proposed modifications to the contract.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will be giving direction to Twisp Fire Chief Jesse Fuller stating that until further notice the Town of Twisp Volunteer Fire Fighters are to officially relinquish leadership on a fire to Fire District #6 personnel upon their arrival on the scene.

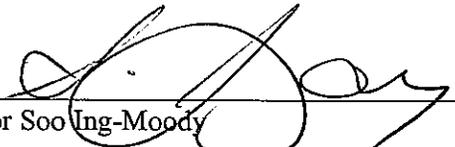
Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to accept the changes as discussed on the Fire Department budget and contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

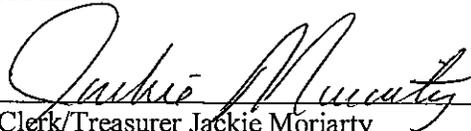
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty