

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 04/24/12
7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Clint Estes
 Hans Smith
 John Fleming

Council Members absent: Traci Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Setting of Public Hearing for Annexation of Private Property

Deletions:

Public Comment Period

Joseph Marver voiced his concern over the Town of Twisp’s fire protection, fire department deficiencies, and potential increases in fire insurance rates.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes –04/10/12
- 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 24th day of April, 2012.

Payroll	13168-13171	\$3,490.00	04/16/12
Checks	29083-29111	\$24,497.88	04/24/12
US Dept Ag. Rural Develop	EFTs 750-752	\$1,354.00	04/28/12

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from April 10, 2012 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Council Retreat was a success; the time was well spent and she was pleased with the turn out from Council members and staff.

Staff Reports

Clerk Moriarty provided a comparison report on the sales tax, property tax and utility tax revenues from 2006 to present.

Superintendent Moss reported:

- He will contact the contractor working for Centurylink tomorrow about their plans for completion of the dig at the intersection of Highway 20 and West 2nd Avenue.
- He is working with the contractor who is slated to complete the roof replacement in mid May.
- A large portion of the pool deck has decayed and separated. Public Works staff will complete the repairs soon to enable the maximum curing time.

Commission/Board Reports

Methow Watershed Council

Council Member Smith reported that the Methow Watershed Council is reviewing plans for self governance. The Watershed Council has taken an example of a successful charter to state legislators for their review. It is expected that the Methow Watershed Council at some point will present to the Town Council their recommendation for an autonomous Methow Watershed Council.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Twisp River Suites – Planned Development

Motion:

Council Member Fleming moved to approve the conversion of Twisp River Suites tourist accommodations to a condominium ownership pattern as stated in the Twisp River Suites Planned Development application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Up-date: Fire District #6 – Temporary Contract

Mayor Ing-Moody stated the temporary contract with District #6 to supply contracted fire service for the Town of Twisp was a topic of the Council Retreat last week-end, as it had been at previous council meetings and numerous other meetings between herself, the Public Safety committee, and District #6 personnel and Commissioners.

Council Member Lloyd stated that it was determined at the Council Retreat to have the Public Safety committee and a sub-committee of District #6 work on an immediate temporary short term contract to

bring back to the Council and the District for review. He is in contact with District #6 Commissioners and a date will be set for a sub-committee meeting this week.

Twisp Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief Hammer stated the urgent need for safety improvements in regards to the engine, equipment and gear for the firefighters. He said there are 10 Twisp volunteers and the need for gear and training for them is critical as they serve the community.

Mayor Ing-Moody supported Assistant Chief Hammer's statement, reiterating that the welfare of the volunteers and citizens of Twisp have always been the main consideration in the Council's effort in requesting an immediate temporary agreement until such time as terms for a more permanent contract or annexation could occur.

Action: Council Members Lloyd and Estes will meet with District #6 personnel and work on the immediate temporary contract.

Airport Advisory Recommendation Related to Potable Water at the Twisp Airport

Council Member Smith submitted a report stating:

The Twisp Airport Improvement Club is asking the Town if they can use the existing water wells at the Twisp Municipal Airport for potable water. Prohibitive costs to the Town to expand the municipal distribution system out to the airport properties have kept any type of water service improvement from moving forward. The Town has determined that the Department of Ecology and Methow Valley Irrigation District hold no interest in the wells located on Town property. As long as the water system operates under the State of Washington Exempt Well Status as a class B domestic system negating the need for the Town to possess adequate water rights to authorize withdrawals from the airport wells, the land lease hangars could access potable water from the Town's airport wells.

Council Member Smith said the Club still needs to supply the Town with copies of its incorporation and non-profit status documents.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that a public hearing is not required before the Town would go into an agreement with the Twisp Airport Improvement Club for the use of potable water from the Town's exempt wells at the Airport but the need for a public comment period would be appropriate and a public hearing could be set as a means to solicit any public comment.

Action: Superintendent Moss will test the bacteria level and water volume of the wells at the Airport. The Club will be asked to supply copies of incorporation and non-profit status. The proposed agreement will be advertised to the public for a prescribed comment period. A draft resolution will be submitted to the Council at the May 8th meeting containing the conditions necessary to protect the Town but allow the Club to operate a class B domestic system at the Twisp Municipal Airport.

Public Hearing for the Annexation of Private Property into the Town of Twisp Limits

During the Recreation Conservation Office trail acquisition process it was discovered that one of Sara Bennett's parcels on East 2nd Avenue was not included in Town limits. Mrs. Bennett has submitted the annexation application for the parcel to be included in Town limits.

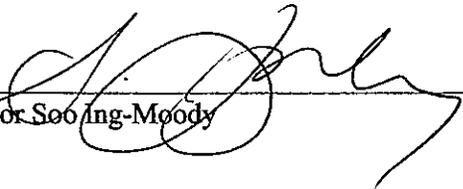
Motion:

Council Member Estes made the motion to set the date for a public hearing to take comments on the annexation of the Bennett property for May 8th, 2012. 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 7:35 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Seo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty