

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 05/28/13
7:00 PM

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

Council Members present: Clay Hill
 Clint Estes
 John Fleming

Council Members absent: Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Estes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Discussion: Procurement of Goods and Services (Council Member Hill's Request)

Deletions: None

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She stated that the 2013 Mayor's Exchange in Seattle was worth her time to attend. She will continue discussions with contacts she made there and plans to meet with the new Director of the Department of Ecology about Twisp concerns.
- She stated that she and Clerk Moriarty attended the Association of Washington Cities Small City Connectors meeting in Pateros which was well organized and attended.

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.

Council Member Hill asked questions about the on-going Wagner Memorial Pool leak as it was mentioned in Superintendent Moss' report to Mayor and Council. It was explained that repairs at the pool are an on-going effort while correction of the leak might include a full replacement of the pool membrane which may be the source of numerous leaks.

As Council Member Hill inquired about an update on a recreation district, Mayor Ing-Moody stated that discussion of a valley wide Recreation District will be an item of discussion on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Hill reported that the Okanogan County Transit Authority (OCTA) met today and he was able to be part of the meeting by phone. He explained that the OCTA are preparing to put a measure on the ballot in November for public transportation. He reported that a non-profit advocacy group is starting a grass roots movement to assist with fund raising in support of the ballot measure. The group's slogan is: "Get on the Bus".

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

TwispWorks

Amy Stork, Director of TwispWorks, presented a summary of current TwispWorks programs, partners, and tenants. There are 24 campus partners, 29 full or part time jobs on campus and growing programs in youth, business assistance, education, and art.

Ms. Stork asked the Mayor and Council to help dispel three misunderstood notions about TwispWorks.

1. TwispWorks is not undercutting commercial landlords; rents are competitive, and tenants at TwispWorks are required to provide community services in addition to paying rent.
2. Everything at TwispWorks is not about art. There are also technology and design tenants and youth activities at the campus.
3. The Town of Twisp doesn't financially support TwispWorks as TwispWorks is privately funded and somewhat independent of the Town.

Water Leakage Billing Adjustments

The Mayor and Council discussed the wording of Twisp Municipal Code 13.05.195 Water Leakage – Billing Adjustment. This topic was also discussed at the last Council meeting where various interpretations of the Code were noted. Section 195 (1) was written as though meters are read every month but meters are not read during the winter months, therefore citizens were not notified of any changes to their actual consumption levels.

The leak adjustment in question pertained to a winter leak. After some discussion, Council agreed that the adjustment for leaks will be the maximum amount of rate adjustment (\$250) for the billing periods during which the leak took place, including the non-read period of six months.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to adjust and remove \$1500 of the Jeana Louck water leak per the discussion and understanding of Twisp Municipal Code 13.05.195. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hill and passed unanimously.

Action: TMC 135.05.1905 Water Leakage – Billing Adjustment will be brought back to the Council with clarifying changes to the text at a future Council meeting.

Proclamation for “Older Americans Month 2013”

It was brought to the attention of Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council that May is “Older Americans Month”. The Mayor and Council would like to honor the Older Americans of our community by presenting them with a proclamation. Mayor Ing-Moody read the “Unleash the Power of Age” Proclamation aloud.

Motion

Council Member Hill made the motion to adopt the “Unleash the Power of Age” Proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Procurement: Goods and Services

At the May 14, 2013 Council meeting a Transportation Improvement Board grant for pavement preservation was award to RH2, a firm located in East Wenatchee. Council Member Hill asked questions about the criteria used to award the grant to RH2. He was told by Superintendent Moss at that meeting that the top three firms were very close in qualifications. Council Member Hill stated that all processes for procurement of these services was followed correctly, but asked if the Purchasing Policy could be changed to add language allowing local consideration to be criteria, thereby awarding extra points for local businesses.

Clerk Moriarty noted that she has already contacted Municipal Research Service Center (MRSC) about this and is waiting for their reply.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the Town’s Purchasing Policy has been reviewed by the State Auditors and supports state regulated RCWs pertaining to purchasing. She explained that allowable local consideration is given if all qualifying criteria are met.

Mayor Ing-Moody suggested that we wait for MRSC’s response before further discussion.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes: 03/22/13, 03/23/13, 05/14/13

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 28th day of May 2013.

Checks	29947-29963	\$24,378.78	05/28/13
US Rural Development	EFTs 960-962	\$1,354.00	05/28/13
Checks	29964-29969	378.00	05/31/13

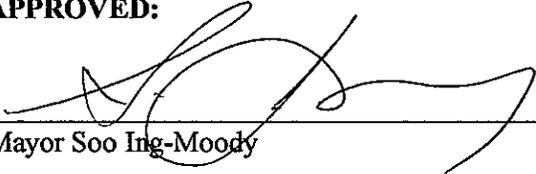
Motion:

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

Adjournment

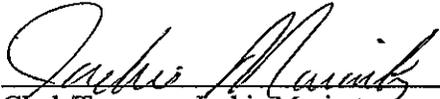
There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty