

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 10/03/11
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody reconvened the meeting as a continuance of the September 27, 2011 meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Council Member present: Tom Gehring
 Hans Smith
 Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Herb Rosenberg – discussed proposed Ordinance #634 regarding firearms and dangerous weapons, sharing the following comments:

- Shot guns w/shot shells should not be discharged in Town limits.
- Hunting in Town limits should be prohibited.
- A bow and arrow could be used for target practice with caution.

Mark Edson discussed proposed Ordinance #634 sharing the following comments:

- He agreed that bows and arrows could be used for target practice with caution.
- Hunting in Town limits should be prohibited.

BUSINESS

Ordinance #634 – Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

Council discussed Ordinance #634 regarding Firearms and Dangerous Weapons as presented by Police Chief Budrow. Mr. Rosenberg suggested it would be better to allow for more public comment. Police Chief Budrow suggested a motion be made from the Council prohibiting hunting and the discharge of a firearm in the Town limits as an interim measure to assure public safety; the Council agreed and requested staff put this item on the October 11, 2011 agenda and re-drafts to the purposed ordinance.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to prohibit hunting and the discharge of firearms in the Town of Twisp Town Limits for the remainder of 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Action: Staff was directed to draft a revised ordinance and place the issue of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons on the next agenda.

Methow Watershed Council (MWC) Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/2013 Grants

Mayor Ing-Moody along with Council Members Gehring and Smith (the MWC committee liaisons) discussed with Council the Department of Ecology's (DOE) fiscal year 2012-2013 grant process. Currently there are four grants the Town Council is being asked by MWC to consider for the upcoming biennium: Phase IV (3rd year); Instream Flow Rule Revision; Operations Grant for a Water Storage Feasibility Study; and a Water Storage Capital Project. These grants total approximately \$450,000. The unknown variables for the Town and MWC at this point are the amount of match funding required for each grant and how the MWC is proposing to meet these requirements. Also, the DOE is facing another round of budget cuts and the MWC and Town are being told to get their grant applications, including scope of work and budget in as soon as possible to avoid potentially losing the grants.

- The Phase IV grant does not require reapplication.
- The Operations Water Storage Feasibility Study requires a letter of acceptance be sent to the DOE immediately.
- The Water Storage Capital Grant has been approved but Council Member Smith is concerned that if we do not receive the feasibility study funding the storage project may not be completed by 2013 as required.
- Mayor Ing-Moody has not yet heard any news on the status of the Instream Flow Rule Revision grant which would aid the MWC in continuing work they started in 2007.

Council requested committee liaisons Gehring and Smith acquire more information from the MWC regarding match funding before they would agree to approve submittal of the grants. Council requested a letter be sent to DOE tentatively accepting the Operations Water Study Feasibility Study Grant.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to have a letter sent from Mayor Ing-Moody tentatively accepting the Water Storage Feasibility Study Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #635 – Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Loan

Council discussed Ordinance #635 Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, 2011 in the amount of \$60,000 from Cashmere Valley Bank to fund improvements to the Town Hall; mainly the replacement of the deteriorating roof.

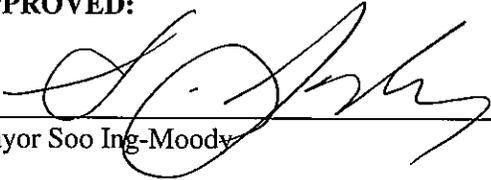
Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Ordinance #635 as presented including two amendments presented at the meeting from Attorney Scott DeTro. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

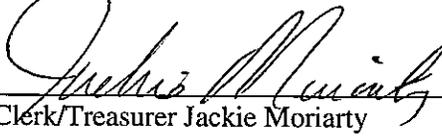
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty