

**Town of Twisp**  
**Special Meeting - Retreat**  
**Council Minutes – 04/21/12**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the special meeting/retreat to order on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Retreat Theme: “Sowing Seeds for the Future” – Promoting Sustainable Health and Vitality for Twisp

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

Staff present:                                Jackie Moriarty, Clerk/Treasurer

Agenda Additions:        Police Department and Airport

**Seed Selection – Roundtable Discussions**

**Water Rights**

Council Member Smith reported on the following:

- Water consumption has decreased according to the well logs provided by Superintendent Moss.
- Continuing work with the Methow Watershed Council to obtain water rights through rule revision.
- Work with Aspect Consulting in the pursuit of water rights; Aspect has a good working relationship with the Department of Ecology and other agencies.
- Discussed financing options for water rights acquisition.
- Continue working with the Methow Watershed Council related to a water storage project.
- Discussed the current Methow Valley Irrigation District lease.
- The Towns currently working on the Scope of Work for a contract to work with Aspect Consulting on a storage mitigation project that will provide year-round benefit to habitat.

Council Member Smith discussed contracting with Aspect Consulting for the following services:

Task 1. Create a record comprised of compiled water consumption, growth projections, conservation efforts and improvements.

Task 2. Develop a short list of mitigation ideas that are timely, financially viable and that the Town could partner with other agencies on water acquisition.

Task 3. Finalization and project implementation.

**Motion:**

Council Member Estes moved to approve contracting with Aspect Consulting for Tasks 1, 2 & 3 as defined by Council Member Smith. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

**Action:** Work with Aspect Consulting on creating a Scope of Work.

**Fire Department**

Mayor Ing-Moody, Council Member Estes and Council Member Lloyd updated the Council on the following issues:

- The contract negotiations with Fire District #6 are in the works.
- Council Members Estes and Lloyd have requested a meeting with District Fire Commissioner Jerry Palm and District Fire Chief Don Waller to help move negotiations forward.
- Council discussed how contracting with the fire district could impact the Town's budget; Mayor Ing-Moody was able to address this issue following the recent meetings she has attended.
- Council discussed the pros and cons of a small volunteer department, a temporary contract with the district, a long-term contract with the district, and annexation into the district.

**Motion:**

Council Member Estes moved to authorize that he and Council Member Lloyd enter into a short-term (no longer than 90-days) negotiation period with Fire District #6 to work out the details of a contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

**Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance**

Mayor Ing-Moody updated the Council on the latest Town Hall sub-committee meeting held related to the Town Hall repairs.

Council decided that the public works shop and the administrative building were two separate projects and discussed the following steps to work toward a resolution for both:

- The need to develop a 5-year plan to build into the plan fail safes that would protect the council's long-term vision.
- Build a new public works shop at the treatment plant.
- Stop putting any more money towards the maintenance of the current public works shop and concentrate on repairing the administrative portion of the building.
- Take steps to obtain funding for a new public works shop.

**Motion:**

Council Member Smith moved to enable the Town to move forward in obtaining funding for a public works shop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

### **Wagner Memorial Swimming Pool**

Council Member Day updated the council on previous pool meetings and discussions. Council Member Day stated she has been working with Friends of the Pool member Sarah Schrock. Ms. Schrock has been talking to citizens within the valley about forming a committee to research the future of the swimming pool.

Council discussed:

- The type of citizens of the valley that would make good representatives on the committee?
- The need of a timeline and action plan; Ms. Schrock will be asked to provide this to the Council.

**Action:** Announce in an article in the Methow Valley News that people are needed for this committee.

### **Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – Phase II Grant**

Council Member Day gave an update to the Council regarding some new found information related to how RCO reimburses for their grants and whether or not the Town would have the cash flow needed to sustain this grant until its completion when the grant would be paid out in full. The Council discussed in depth the following:

- The possibility of waiting until the next two-year cycle to apply for the RCO acquisition and development grant after we have been able to learn from the current RCO Grant.
- Creating a trail planning fund so the Town would be more financially stable to sustain the grant in the next cycle.
- The possibility of a bridge loan to address the cash flow issue.

### **Motion:**

Council Member Fleming moved to rescind Resolution #12-502 related to submitting a grant application to the Recreation and Conservation Office for trails land acquisition and development for this grant cycle. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Council Member Lloyd abstained from voting. After more Council discussion the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Police Department**

Council discussed the Police Department staffing issues:

- Council acknowledged and discussed the volatility of the 3<sup>rd</sup> police officer position and agreed that the department needs 3 officers.
- Council discussed the possibility of restructuring the police department in the future; including any future potentials in contracting or consolidation.

**Action:** Council Member Estes volunteered to contact the Winthrop Council to offer the option of the Twisp Public Safety Committee (Estes and Lloyd) talking with two Winthrop Council Members about the police departments.

**Staffing**

Council discussed the employee pay scale and reasonable increments of pay increases based on cost of living.

**Twisp Municipal Airport**

Council Member Smith updated the Council on the following issues:

- The ability to have potable water at the airport.
- Airport improvements – The need to work with the Airport Improvement Club through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the following items:
  - Irrigation System
  - Fuel Tank
  - Class “B” water system
  - Future improvements
  - Snow removal equipment (they own and operate)
  - Formalized chain of command, i.e. management

**Action:** Inquire with legal counsel if an MOA would be sufficient in this situation

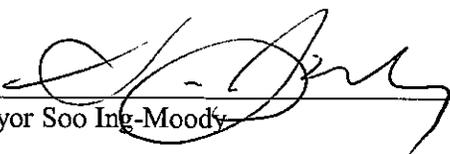
**Economic Development**

Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Day reported to Council about an opportunity to have an independent group do an assessment of the community related to economic development; there would be no charge for this assessment. The group would facilitate and discuss with the community to assess and address solutions for the empty store fronts, business development and the creation of partnerships with other organizations and agencies.

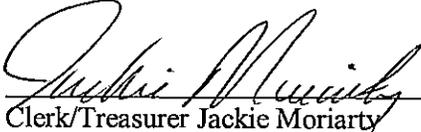
The Council agreed to have Mayor Ing-Moody and Council Member Day pursue this opportunity for the Town.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty