

**Town of Twisp**  
**Council Minutes – 01/14/14**  
**7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Council Members present:     Bob Lloyd  
  John Fleming  
  Dwight Filer  
  Traci Day

Council Member absent:       Clint Estes

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

**Additions:**       None

**Deletions:**       None

**Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes**

Mark Edson asked Superintendent Moss if there would be additional funds this year to put toward street patching due to the lack of snow.

Superintendent Moss stated that the winter is not yet over and that regardless, there is money already budgeted for some patching of streets.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She reported that as the 2013 budget closes out in January, the Town will then be in a better position to understand how revenues and expenditures totaled out for the year.
- She reported that as stated in her 2014 Budget Mayor's Message, she will be focusing this year on establishing partnerships and nurturing relationships with other entities.
- She and the Mayor Cindy Gagne of Omak will be holding a meeting for Okanogan County mayors to discuss the Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (RTPO) proposal to restructure the board.
- The Town and Methow Arts Alliance are partnering on a grant to the National Arts Foundation for public art.
- She reported that Bob Ulrich, a member of the Kiwanis, had informed her that the Kiwanis is interested in putting tennis courts back in Twisp. An appropriate site will be further discussed at a later date.

## **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.

## **Superintendent Moss**

Council Member Filer noted the reduction in 2013 water pumping totals. Superintendent Moss reported that the reduction was, in part, due to finding leaks in the system.

## **Commission/Committee/Board Reports**

There were no reports submitted.

Council Member Filer reported on the Okanogan County Transportation Authority (OCTA) meeting he had attended.

He reported on the following:

- The Authority has rented office space.
- The Authority is working to acquire a loan from North Cascades National Bank to allow for operating funds until the first tax dollars are received by the Authority in April.
- The Authority is advertising for the position of CEO and administrative assistant.
- The Department of Transportation (DOT) has a grant program for the purchase of buses for new transit systems. The grant would call for a 20% match of funds by the Authority.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **MVID Test Well – Greg Knott**

Greg Knott, consultant for the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) attended a Council meeting in September and asked for approval to drill a test well within the town limits. According to Mr. Knott, the MVID is considering changing the structure of the District, which would include a change to a pressurized pipe pumped from a new well located in Twisp. The potential test well was pump tested October 31, and November 1, 2013. Bob Talbot, the hydro-geologist, who analyzed the data from the test, explained that it was unlikely that any of the Town's wells would be affected by the Methow Valley Irrigation District's (MVID) use of a well on the Dave Schulz property as long as the flow in the river exceeds the combined recharge from the wells. Mr. Talbot stated he would like to refine the testing and drill 3 additional wells to test in that area and repeat the pump test again. Mr. Talbot stated he would be happy to return at a later date if the Council had any questions pertaining to the data given to them at this meeting.

### **Electric Car Charging Station – Aaron Studen**

Mr. Studen who owns the Twisp River Pub has been contacted by Plug-In North Central Washington (NCW) about placing an electric car charging station on Pub property. Currently, there are recharging stations in both Mazama and Winthrop. Mr. Studen explained his reason for placing the station alongside his building on Twisp Avenue, since that is thought to be more cost effective as his electrical box is located there. A post and charging cord may be on Town right-of-way as a result. Per the 36 month

contract that Mr. Studen would sign with Plug-In NCW, he would be liable for any vandalism or injury that occurs to the station, or as a result of its placement.

He assured the Town that the Town would not incur any liability from this request. Mr. Studen also made it clear that no special request is being made for exclusive or privileged parking in the public parking spots serviced by that station.

Jack Anderson of Plug-In NCW stated that tourist dollars generated by the influx of tourists traveling the Cascade Loop in their electric cars would help Twisp's economy.

It was determined that the Town would first establish whether or not any infrastructure would be on Town right-of-way to determine if a franchise agreement is necessary.

**Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will have the property lines verified to determine Pub property from town right-of-way.**

### **Yakima Nation 1890s Side Channel Restoration Project**

Hans Smith, project manager for the Yakima Nation, gave the Council an update on the 1890s Side Channel Restoration Project. The restoration project is seeking to implement a large side channel restoration project on the Methow River. The project would involve some excavation at a site on the northern boundary of Twisp and County property. In order to construct the project, there would be some travel across town property. Mr. Smith stated that there is anticipated to be no impact to the Town. Federal, state, county and local permits will be needed to complete this project. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the project.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Filer made the motion to approve Mayor Ing-Moody working with the Yakima Nation to further the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed. Council Member Lloyd abstained.

### **Proposed Property Transition – TwispWorks**

Amy Stork, executive director of TwispWorks, had approached the Council at a previous meeting regarding the possibility of TwispWorks changing from a public development authority to a non-profit organization. If approved by Council, the next step would be for legal opinions to be given on the transfer of real properties. Ms. Stork expressed that she did not want to start the process without the prior consent of the Council to explore the option further. She would come back to Council with information on how the proposed transfer of property could be realized. There are strict laws pertaining to gifting, which would include the transfer of property and taxes. As such, fair market value must be considered as part of the proposed change.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to give TwispWorks the approval to move forward with the fact finding for property transfer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

### **Resolution #14-530 – Highlands Associates Professional Services Agreement for Planning Services**

Kurt Danison, Town Planner, had submitted his 2014 contract for approval by the Council. Clerk Moriarty stated that there were no changes made to the contract from the previous contract.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve Highlands Associates Professional Services Agreement for 2014. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

### **Resolution #14-531 – Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspector Services**

Twisp Building Inspector Dave Sandoz is resigning his position as building inspector for the towns of Twisp and Winthrop as of January 31, 2014. Twisp and Winthrop have shared Mr. Sandoz's services for the past six years with Winthrop employing and Twisp contracting for services. Mayor Ing-Moody will be on the interview committee when Winthrop interviews applicants for the position.

In the meantime, the Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspector Services for the year is needed to be approved by Council.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Fleming made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspector Services with the Town of Winthrop. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

### **Re-Appointment of Peter Day and Peter Morgan to the Planning Commission**

Commissioner Day and Commissioner Morgan are current Planning Commission members. Their three years terms expired 12/31/2013, and they both have agreed to stay on the Commission for another term.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Filer moved to confirm the re-appointment of Commissioners Day and Morgan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

### **Okanogan County K-9 Unit Donation**

Okanogan County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) asked the municipalities of Okanogan County to donate to the purchase of a new K9 drug dog. The Town of Twisp has drug seizure funds in the amount \$395 available to donate to the purchase.

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the donation of \$395 to Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of purchasing a new K9 drug dog. The motion was seconded by Council Member Filer and passed unanimously.

**Sub-Committee Assignments**

As customary with the beginning of a New Year, and a new Council Member, the Council is asked to review and consider council committee assignments. Council Member Filer joined the Public Safety Committee, Council Member Day joined the Finance Committee, and Council Member Fleming took on the Methow Watershed Council, as joint lead with Council Member Estes.

**OCTA Representative**

Council Member Filer has been acting as representative for the Town at the Okanogan County Transportation Authority meetings. It is an Authority requirement that there be an alternate voting member for each municipality. It was discussed that Council Member Fleming would be a good alternate for the Town.

**Motion:**

Council Member Filer was officially appointed as the lead representative for the Town and Council Member Fleming as the alternate representative to the Okanogan County Transportation Authority. The motion was made by Council Member Day and seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

Payroll	#13652-13669 EFTs Trans # 2860-2864	\$43,400.05	12/31/13
Checks	#30424-30457	\$25,454.43	12/31/13
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFTs Trans # 48, 50, 51	\$2,341.51	01/01/2014
Checks	#30458-30465	\$58,415.50	01/14/2014
Trout Unlimited	#30466	\$665.00	12/30/13

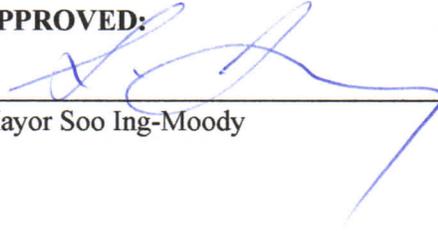
**Motion:**

Council Member Day moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

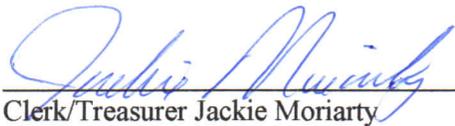
**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty