

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 07/26/11
7:00 PM

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

Council Member present: Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem
 Hans Smith
 Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day

Council Members absent: Tom Gehring

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Sheehan Vacation Carry-over

Deletions: None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 07/12/2011.
- 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 26th day of July, 2011:

Payroll	#12887 - #12891	\$4,390.00	07/20/11
Checks	#28438 - #28468	\$39,631.24	07/26/11
USDA	EFT/Trans # 1830	\$683.00	07/28/11
USDA	EFT/Trans # 1831	\$354.00	07/28/11
USDA	EFT/Trans # 1832	\$317.00	07/28/11

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from 07/12/11 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

There was no public comment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- An analysis was completed on the Town's finances. She is awaiting a summary and recommendations before meeting with the finance committee.
- The Grant Administrator position has been posted and two interviews have been scheduled for August 2nd.
- Interviews for Civil Service Commissioners will take place August 2nd. Janice Timbers has asked to have her name removed from the applicant's list. The other applicants are John Bonica, Terry Larson, Rudy Schade and Leone Edson. Mr. Schade may be moving out of town limits and would become ineligible for the position. The cut-off date for taking applications is July 28th.
- The Town Hall roof repair remains a high priority. The roof was deemed an emergency situation in May and assessed to be hazardous if not repaired before winter resulting in a possible shut-down of the building. Senator Evans –Parlette is informed of the situation and trying to help the Town find a viable funding source for a new roof. Mayor Ing-Moody is documenting information for the Senator. A flat roof could cost approximately \$27,000 and a gabled roof approximately \$50,000 not including engineering which would cost an additional \$3,500. The application process for loans takes time and there may have to be a bridge gap loan before a permanent loan is acquired.
- Council Member Gehring, Clerk Moriarty and she attended the July 21st meeting of the Methow Watershed Council. She and Council Member Gehring will serve as alternates on the Organizational Development Committee. Council Member Smith will chair the Rule Revision Committee. Grant funding for the Methow Watershed Council ended June 30th. Clerk Moriarty continues provide secretarial services while she has been closing out the grants without compensation from the Methow Watershed Council grants. Council Member Smith had heard there would be additional funding from 07/01/11 through 10/31/11 for the grants. She had not heard of such funding.

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 Department Heads; there were none.

Airport

- Airport Manger Howson attended the Council meeting and reported on the glider group that used the airport during the past weekend. He reported that the group enjoyed the airport, stayed at local motels, dined at local restaurants and intend to return.
- He met with the Osoyoos, British Columbia organization interested in having drag races at our airport. Twisp pilots will attend the drag races at Osoyoos in September and come back with a report. These talks on drag racing are in its preliminary stages. Races would not occur until next year, if they did happen. Crowd control, noise control, care of the runway asphalt, and insurance

are all big questions to be answered before the Board would consider the event. At this time, the Twisp Airport Advisory Board is being a good neighbor and listening to the proposal.

Commission/Board Reports

There were no Commission reports submitted.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #11-493 - Fee Schedule

The proposed fee schedule was reviewed and changes made.

- Park Fees: *Non-Profit community organizations that can provide documentation of non-profit status will be afforded an exemption of the park and office reservation fees, with the exception of the Wagner Memorial Pool.
- Police Department Fees: Mailing Card \$2.00.
- Pool Rental Fees: Pool Rental Fee: per hour \$50.00. Lifeguard Fee: per hour/per lifeguard (two minimum for groups up to 50) \$10.00. Over 50 attendees will require another lifeguard per every 25 attendees.
- Water Rates: Hydrant Meter Fee: the base amounts per the tiers will be placed in the Fee Schedule amount column \$3.30, \$3.84, and \$4.36.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the Fee Schedule as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheehan Vacation Carry-over

Officer Sheehan used 20 hours of vacation in July and has met the requirement of carrying over only 40 hours of vacation into his next anniversary date cycle after approval from the Mayor. No action is required by the Council on this issue.

Surplus Property Clean-up

Public Works Superintendent Moss reiterated his report on the surplus pipe. The pipe was donated to the Town years ago and not needed by the Town. He would like to donate it to Methow Valley Irrigation District per the Capital and Fixed Assets Policy and Procedures.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to approve the donation of surplus pipe to the Methow Valley Irrigation District. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Pool Update

Council Member Day gave a Wagner Memorial Pool update. The central question for the Council is: What does the Town want to do with our pool? Some options could be to repair the leak and up-grade the heating system or build a new facility. The Town currently receives \$15,000 a year from the Wagner Trust Fund and will continue to receive it for approximately thirteen more years. If the Town were to immediately pull the funds from the trust there would be approximately \$73,000 available for major repairs or construction.

None of the small cities' staff members that she talked to say they ever expect to break even financially with their pools. Leavenworth sets aside \$30,000 out of their budget each year for the financing of their pool. They consider the pool a community service.

The Council discussed:

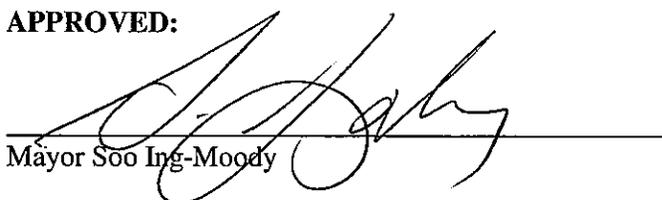
- The pool as a community asset.
- Solar panels used to heat the pool would reduce propane heating costs.
- What the community may desire:
 - A valley wide taxing district with a new pool.
 - If not, would Twisp residents approve a levy to build a new facility or improve the existing facility.

It was felt that a feasibility study would be a necessary component of such a large project and the possible need for a valley-wide survey to provide direction. Groups, such as swim team families, club swim members, Methow Valley Sports Trail Association, and the medical community would be important target groups for a survey. The Friends of the Pool Committee will be an important ally in this process. Council Member Day and Superintendent Moss will attend the next Friends of the Pool meeting and discuss these ideas with them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty