

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 04/23/13
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Members present: Bob Lloyd
 Traci Day
 Clay Hill
 John Fleming

Council Member absent: Clint Estes

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fleming led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: There was none.

Deletions: There was none.

Public Comment Period: Up to 3 minutes each

There was none.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She and Council Member Estes have met with Methow Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors and the Methow Watershed Council on water rights issues.
- She and Council Members Estes and Lloyd met with Council Member Northcott from Winthrop on the issue of contracting for police services.
- She reported that at a staff luncheon, staff suggested a soft ball game between Twisp and Winthrop including mayors, council members and staff. The two towns have met on the ball field before. She will be speaking to Mayor Acheson about their interest.

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 Reported:

- The street sweeper needs expensive repairs but it still got the streets swept this spring.
- At some point, the Town will need to consider purchasing a vacuum truck for sucking out dry wells that are used for storm water retention

- Cold mix is the least expensive and is the most effective at filling pot holes on Town streets and Public Works staff will start filling pot holes mid May when the air temperature will allow effective patching.
- Engineering for the Transportation Improvement Board grant for pavement preservation will be completed in 2013 with construction to possibly also begin in 2013. He reported that unlike what was previously believed there are no sidewalks included in this grant. The approved projects include: 1) Twisp Ave. Hwy 20 to Magers St., 2) Second Ave. Hwy 20 to Glover St., 3) Third Ave. Hwy 20 to Glover St., 4) Fourth Ave. Hwy 20 to Glover St., 5) Fifth Ave. Hwy 20 to Glover St.

There was discussion on using budgeted street funds to provide a sidewalk on one side of 3rd Avenue following the new construction.

Council Member Day stated the need for sidewalks is included in the Comprehensive Plan's Economic Development Element as a necessary part of new road construction.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that this TIB grant funds do not provide for the construction of sidewalks and she noted that future decisions that need to be made on the TIB grant will be made her office, Superintendent Moss, TIB, engineers, and the contractors on the project.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

There were no reports submitted.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Lloyd updated the Council on the recent Public Safety meeting that Mayor Ing-Moody, Council Member Estes, and Winthrop's Council Member Northcott held. He stated that during these initial talks both Towns have been airing concerns and considering the best options to work together. It appears that Winthrop is interested in contracting with Twisp. Council Member Northcott stated that the full Winthrop Council may wish to meet with Twisp to further discuss terms and conditions.

Methow Watershed Management Board

Methow Watershed Council (MWC) Liaison Hans Smith submitted the Methow Watershed Management Board (MWMB) Organizing Document for Council review. This is a draft document and will give the Council a general idea of the issues at hand for the Management Board.

The MWMB is looking into becoming a non-profit organization. As grant funds from the Department of Ecology (DOE) diminish, the Management Board is looking for new funding sources and becoming a non-profit would broaden the list of future funding sources.

Liaison Smith reported that the DOE has given positive feedback on the instream flow rules the Instream Flow Sub-committee has submitted to them.

Liaison Smith reported that the Davis Lake Water Storage project is following its timeline for completion.

Liaison Smith asked the Council to pay close attention to SB 5677 that has been submitted by Senator Parlette and others to the Washington State Senate which authorizes establishment of a water management board in the Methow watershed.

Liaison Smith explained that at some point soon he will ask the Town Council for a vote regarding the Methow Watershed Management Board Organizing Document. He stressed his neutrality regarding these discussions.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Logan Szafas –LBHS Student Junior Leadership Project

Mr. Szafas is working on a Junior Leadership project. His proposed project includes placing two benches at the Twisp Park along the river walkway and two benches at the Winthrop Park. He presented a design for construction of the benches. He explained that when the benches have been built, Methow Valley elementary students would possibly be painting them as part of their art class.

Superintendent Moss advised Mr. Szafas that as presented the design materials would not hold up through Methow Valley winters and the occasional acts of vandalism. It was decided that Superintendent Moss will work with Mr. Szafas on specifications and materials that will be sturdy enough to endure the elements of our winters and address issues pertaining to maintenance and liability.

Resolution #13-571 – Arbor Day Proclamation

The Town of Twisp is a Tree City USA and as such Saturday, April 27th is Twisp's Arbor Day celebration at 10:00 in the Commons Park. Tree Board Chairman Dwight Filer will oversee a tree trimming party after the celebration.

Superintendent Moss stated that he was approached by the property owners of 318 S. Glover Street pertaining to the Town tree that overhangs their property. He stated he gave them permission to trim limbs from the tree on their side of the tree to protect their property from falling limbs.

Motion:

Council Member Hill made the motion to approve Resolution #13-571 proclaiming April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day for the Town of Twisp. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fleming and passed unanimously.

Fire Services Update - Create Timeline

At the Council Retreat, possible annexation into Okanogan County Fire District #6 was discussed. In order to get annexation on the November ballot, an ordinance would have to be submitted to Okanogan County Auditor's Office by August 9th. Mayor Ing-Moody and the Council want to involve the Town citizens in public meetings and give them facts and options related to annexation. Fire District #6 would also have put the measure before the citizens of the District.

Mayor Ing-Moody noted that since the close of the fire service contract negotiations with Fire District #6 there has been not been any talks pertaining to annexation. The Mayor and Council do not believe there is enough time to educate the public on the issue of annexation for 2013 but there would be adequate time for education for all valley residents by fall of 2014.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will contact Fire District #6 Commissioners to discuss their interest and timeline in considering annexation.

Board of Appeals

The International Building Code states that when a citizen appeals a decision made by a Building Inspector there is a Board of Appeals in place to rule on the complaint. The Council had asked if the complainant could go to Superior Court for satisfaction which would not require the Town create a Board of Appeals. Attorney DeTro stated that he would advise that the process to appeal be handled by a local Board of Appeals.

Clerk Moriarty stated she is researching the rules and regulations needed to create the Board. She stated the Town would advertise for qualified persons to apply to be Board Members. She stated the Mayor would appoint and the Council would affirm appointments as is Town policy with other boards and commissions.

Agreement in Principle – MVID/Town

Mayor Ing-Moody, Council Member Estes and Methow Watershed Council (MWC) Liaison Hans Smith submitted an Agreement in Principle between the Town and Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) to Council for their review.

Methow Valley Irrigation District is being required by the Department of Ecology to change its point of withdrawal on the Twisp River and improve its reliability of service to customers. In principle, the agreement, states that the Town would consider wheeling water for irrigation to MVID customers in Lateral E-1(the southeast part of Town). The Town in return would receive water rights considerations.

As the Council asked questions, Liaison Smith stated there are still many issues to be decided.

A revised Agreement on Principle will be submitted to Council and Council will be asked to approve the agreement at the next Council meeting. Funding of MVID improvements are contingent on approval by the DOE during this funding cycle and an approved Agreement in Principle plays an important part in the process.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes 03/26/13 & 04/09/13

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 23rd day of April, 2013.

Payroll	#13446-13449	\$3,250.00	04/15/13
Checks	# 29876-29895	\$17,429.29	04/23/13
US DA Rural Development	EFTs Trans # 732-734	\$1,354.00	04/28/13
Checks	# 29896-29901	\$378.00	04/30/13

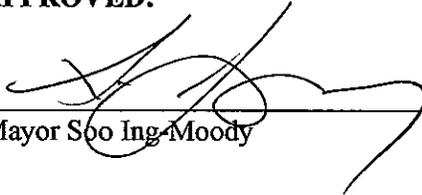
Motion:

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty