

Town of Twisp
Special Meeting - Retreat
Council Minutes – 03/23/13

Mayor Ing-Moody called the special meeting/retreat to order on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Retreat Theme: “Developing a Strong Community: Navigating from the “*WHY* to Effectively Deliver the *What* and *How*”.

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

Department Heads present: Jackie Moriarty, Clerk/Treasurer

Introduction

Mayor Ing-Moody began with a video of Simon Sinek discussing the concept of the Golden Circle – How Great Leaders Inspire Action. Simon Sinek speaks of the Golden Circle as a critically different approach in which an understanding of the “WHY” lies central to an organization’s ultimate success.

The Mayor and Council discussed their thoughts and views of the video. A “WHY” we all share at the Town of Twisp, as pointed out by Council Member Fleming, is to nurture Twisp into “the best damn small town ever”.

This central “WHY” was carried throughout the remainder of the afternoon session, across all subject matter and deliberations.

Public Safety – Fire Department

Mayor Ing-Moody introduced guest speaker Mike Burnett, Fire Chief of Chelan County Fire District #1. Mr. Burnett started out with a PowerPoint presentation addressing the following topics as related to fire protection:

- Legal Requirements
- Legal Issues
- Interlocal Cooperative in Fire Services/Fire Protection Service Providers
- Options for Service: own department, contract with another city or fire protection district, annex into a fire protection district or establish a regional fire protection authority
- Advantages and Disadvantages of each option
- Discussion of costs to the Town, voters and property owners

Mr. Burnett provided relevant WAC’s and RCW’s listing fire agency requirements and vertical standards basically showing the associated costs and liability of maintaining its own volunteer department.

Council discussed the option of annexation, specifically how to educate the voters on their options and the additional costs that would be incurred by property owners if an annexation occurred.

The public safety committee agreed to meet and work on this issue with the Mayor.

Public Safety – Police Department

The Council discussed pros and cons to consolidation and contracting.

Council discussed the history of the department regarding turnover; Twisp contracting with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Department in the past; the fact that Twisp would only consider contracting if Twisp held the contract; and whether it would be in Twisp's best interest at this time. Council Member Estes pointed out that Winthrop has a request for an opinion from Town Attorney Scott DeTro regarding the ability or practicality of the Town departments consolidating. Council agreed that they would wait to discuss it further when comments from Attorney DeTro were received.

Economic Development/Community Vitality

Council discussed other communities that had specialties or themes. Council Members were tasked with coming up with one community they enjoyed visiting and sharing with the group what it was about that community or location that made them happy when they visited.

A central question to economic development and community vitality is the need to identify "Who we (Twisp)?" Two areas agreed upon as part of our identity were:

- Arts
- Recreation-Outdoor

Mayor Ing-Moody mentioned the Thompson Okanogan Tourism Association as a group who had recently come to our area and spoke of the openness to possibly partner with us and other groups in the community. It was discussed that a brand or identity should be formed for Twisp.

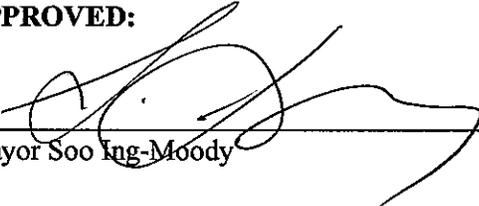
Council had a fairly in depth conversation about the role that the Town would play in the development of a brand or participating in detailing the direction of the Town. Council Members felt that the Town should participate in the process, but differed in the level of involvement. A couple Council Members felt that tax control, utility expenses, and maintaining the streets and infrastructure would naturally lure business and economic growth to the Town. The Council listed a few of the things they felt were important and within their control regarding economic development and community vitality:

- Forest Management/Timber
- Industrial Services
- Beautification
- Infrastructure
- Streets
- Tourism

Council Member Hill discussed inviting Ron Johnston of Plug-In Northwest to present to the Council regarding electric car recharging stations. Council Member Hill explained that he thinks Twisp should get a jump on other communities. Apparently Pateros is considering installing a recharge station and because the electric cars can only be driven so many miles after a charge, Council Member Hill felt it would give people the comfort of knowing they could get off Highway 97 and explore the Methow Valley knowing they could recharge. Council was receptive to the idea and asked if Council Member Hill could provide written information to them.

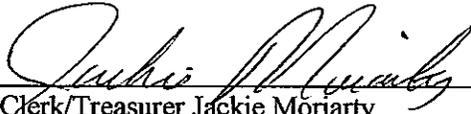
There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty