

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 07/12/11
7:00 PM**

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

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

Council Members absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: Commission/Board Report: Watershed Council related issues.
 Discussion: Potential non-aviation related event at the Airport

Deletions: Civil Service Commission Appointment will be deferred to another meeting.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 06/28/11.
- 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 12th day of July, 2011:

USDA	Trans #'s 1381 – 1383	\$1,354.00	06/23/11
Payroll	#12855 - #12886	\$47,470.02	07/05/11
Claims	#28404 - #28437	\$35,284.62	07/07/11
Cashmere Valley	EFT Trans #1586	\$1,254.99	07/07/11
FP Francotyp-	EFT Trans #1587	\$500.00	07/07/11

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from 06/28/11 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Mike Port said he had:

- Received the Town's letter pertaining to a change in water/sewer billing in which property owners/landlords would receive and be accountable for their property's utility statements.
- He expressed that this new policy will make more work for landlords, but that would be fine only if this change would really be a cost saving measure for the Town.

Clerk Moriarty responded that the intent is to create a more efficient system to minimize the number of rereads Public Works staff is asked to do as renters move in and out; resulting in fewer pro-rated adjustments for the utility clerk to calculate.

- Staff would not have to try to locate renters to collect delinquencies; ultimately relieving the Town from the responsibility of managing what is a tenant and landlord issue. In addition, Mr. Port stated a difference between tenants when they are business owners versus residential renters and asked if there could be another way to manage such accounts in which businesses could continue to pay their bills while still keeping the ultimate responsibility on property owners should there be a default.

Mayor Ing-Moody said she will review the issue with staff and get back to Mr. Port.

Mike Port also commented that he had read the newspaper article about the increase in the Mayor's salary and thought it was a good thing. He commended the Council for their action and stated that he believes it to be a "good start" as he feels that the pay should be increased an additional 2 -3 times the new amount because he believes that in order to properly manage, the Town needs good people, and be paid accordingly.

Don Nelson, the new owner of the Methow Valley News introduced himself to the Mayor and Council; the Mayor and Council welcomed him to Twisp.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- The Mayor, Chief Comstock and Council Members Estes and Lloyd attended a meeting with members of Fire District #6 and discussed the possible annexation of Twisp Fire and Rescue into Fire District #6.
- She had lunch with Winthrop Mayor Acheson and discussed Twisp/Winthrop issues.

Staff Reports

Written staff reports were submitted and placed in Council packets for review. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by Department Heads.

Public Works:

Superintendent Moss reported on the striping of crosswalks and parking spaces.

- The manual striping of our streets is time consuming and it doesn't last.
- Gas driven striping equipment would cost approximately \$3,500.

- Washington State Department of Transportation will do the Highway 20 crosswalks in Town.
- Council Member Day has researched acrylic art work crosswalks which last longer but are very expensive.

Superintendent Moss reported on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

- The Plan was submitted to the State in a timely manner.
- The State has put more money in the Small Cities Preservation fund but the range of cities that can now apply for the funds has increased.
- The final draft of the Plan didn't prioritize the streets as shown in the draft plan.

Action: The Council would like to see the draft and final Transportation Improvement Plan at the next meeting.

Commission Reports/Board Reports

Watershed Council:

Grant Administrator Ing-Moody reported to the Council that the Watershed Council grants funding period ended June 30th.

- Clerk Moriarty has been the secretary for the Watershed Council and has taken minutes, completed reports and organized meetings for the last four years.
- Council Member Gehring has been the liaison to the Watershed Council with Council Member Smith as the alternate.
- The Watershed Council would like to become its own public entity separate from the Town of Twisp.
- The new budget for Watershed Council grant funding may be finalized the end of July.
- The Town has a vested interest in being a member of the Watershed Council.
- Of the two new committees being created for the Watershed Council, Council Member Smith volunteered to participate in the Rule Revision committee and Council Member Gehring volunteered to participate in the Organizational Development committee.
- The Town Council discussed sharing the expense of Clerk Moriarty's time with the Watershed Council.

Action: Mayor Ing-Moody will attend the next Watershed Council meeting on July 21, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Methow Recycle Roundup-Twisp Recycling Proposal

Clerk Moriarty presented documentation showing available 2% monies to pay the \$1000 one time contribution to Methow Recycle Roundup for the original fabrication of the six recycling receptacles for the Town Recycling project.

- The money used to pay 2% recipients in 2011 is money collected in 2010.
- Historically the Visitor Information Center (VIC) receives a set amount of the 2% money before the balance is offered to non-profits.
- The Town can decide during the budget discussions in 2011 the amount of 2011 2% money to be spent on Town tourism services before other distributions are made.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the disbursement of \$1000 to Methow Recycle Round-up for the one time contribution to start-up the Twisp Recycling Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and approved unanimously.

Council Compensation

In following up on Council's request for information regarding the ability to not accept a stipend, Clerk Moriarty reported that according to the Municipal Research Service Center and the Washington State Auditor's Office each Council Member could choose not to accept their council stipend through a stipend waiver.

Action: A form will be developed for council members to sign if they chose not to receive their stipend.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #11-493 – Fee Schedule

Park Fees

- Park Reservation Fee (for non-profits or no fee events) will be changed to read: Park Reservation Fee (non-profits are exempt). A zero (0) will be placed in the Fee Schedule amount.

Pool Fees

- Clerk Moriarty reported Pool Manager Rodio had confirmed the pool had not been rented for the last two years correlating to an increase in 2010.
- Pool fee will revert back to the 2009 amount: Pool Rental Fee of \$50 per hour and Lifeguard Fee: (In addition to Rental) at \$10 per hour for each lifeguard.

Action: The Town Facility Reservation Application will be revised to reflect the fee changes.

Action: The Fee Schedule Water Rates will be reviewed at the next meeting when Superintendent Moss is present. Resolution #11-493, Fee Schedule will be deferred to the next meeting.

Airport

Council Member Estes was contacted by Scott Edson about using the Twisp Municipal Airport runway for drag races. He reported Mr. Edson had said:

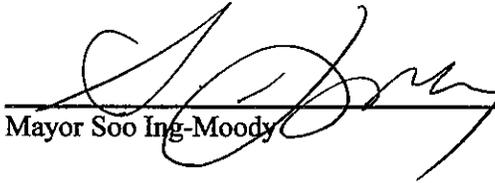
- The races are 1/8th of a mile long.
- The races would be a two day event projected to bring in \$4,000 to \$5,000.
- Promoters of the event will be at the airport July 16th and would like to meet with the appropriate Town representatives.
- Council Member Estes will contact Airport Manger Howson and Public Works Superintendent Moss about the meeting.

Action: Council Member Estes will ask Airport Manager Howson to report back to the Council at a future meeting.

Adjournment

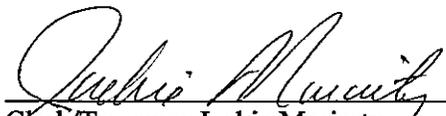
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty