

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 11/08/11
7:00 PM

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Council Members absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings:

Ad Valorem Tax Levy (Property Tax) Ordinance #637

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. There was no public comment on the Ad Valorem Tax Levy Ordinance. She closed the hearing at 7:07 pm.

EMS Levy – Ordinance #638

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm. There was no public comment on the EMS Levy Ordinance. She closed the hearing at 7:08 pm.

Preliminary Budget Hearing

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm. There was no public comment on the 2012 preliminary budget. She closed the hearing at 7:08 pm.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: There was none.

Deletions: There was none.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 10/25/11
- 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 8th day of November, 2011:

L & I Payroll	EFT Trans # 2733	\$5,311.61	10/31/11
Payroll	Check 13003	\$345.04	10/31/11
Cashmere Valley Bank	EFT Trans # 2736	\$1,254.99	11/01/11
Payroll	13005-13027	35,965.25	11/04/11
	EFTs #2788-2790		
Payroll	Check 13004 Void	0	11/04/11
Checks	28747-28771	\$30,777.71	11/08/11
Checks	28772-28773	\$572.33	08/08/11

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from October 25, 2011 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lloyd and passed. Council Member Day abstained.

Public Comment Period

Mark Edson abstained from speaking until Ordinances #634 & 636 were up for discussion.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She and Clerk Moriarty have been very busy working on the budget.

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 that the funding for a new vehicle for the public works department is in the 2012 budget.

Chief Budrow attended SECTOR training for three days and explained SECTOR is the electronic ticketing program that is used in the police vehicles. The process for ticketing will be quicker, with better clarity and tickets will be electronically and directly sent to the court systems.

Commission/Board Reports

There were no Commission reports submitted.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #634 – Firearms/Weapons in Town Limits

Mark Edson reported that he has had a firing range in his building at 202 Industrial Park Avenue for two years. He said a research question was submitted to the Planning Commission as to whether a firing range is allowed on his property which is zoned Industrial. He noted that Twisp's authority in governing firearms cannot exceed Washington State regulations on firearm control which is contained in RCW 9.41.290. His concern is that one of the weapons he uses to target practice is an air gun, one of the weapons listed in Ordinance #634 as not to be discharged within the Town of Twisp.

The Council noted that the Ordinance states you may not aim or discharge any weapon in any place where there is reasonable likelihood that humans, domestic animals or property will be jeopardized, within the Town of Twisp.

Cal Treser, Washington State Fish and Wildlife Officer gave the Council insight into general Fish and Wildlife regulations and depredation regulations.

Action: 9.20.010 A. and B. will be combined and a reference to RCW 9.41.290 will be included in the ordinance. 9.20.020 - 4. will be removed from the ordinance. The revised ordinance will be sent to Town attorney Scott DeTro for review.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to go forward with the changes to Ordinance #634 and send it to Town attorney DeTro for review. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed.

Ordinance #636 – Hunting and Trapping in Town Limits

Officer Treser reported that he loans live traps to citizens who need to trap nuisance animals i.e. raccoons and he moves animals back into the wild as necessary. Larger wildlife, i.e. beavers or bobcats, he manages himself. He explained that depredation permits are not to be used during hunting season. Hunting seasons and hunters help manage deer populations during hunting season while depredation permits are used at other times of the year, as needed.

Action: The word "nuisance" will be added in regards to animals as described in Section C. Reference to Shot Guns will be removed, and the 500 ft. requirement will be reduced to 150 ft. for Bow and Arrows only in Section D. Language in Section E. will be changed to "require a minimum contiguous tract of no less than 10 acres and no less than 150 ft. at all times from any building, and / or roadway." Section F will be added to read: A person who is defending his/her life, the life of another or that of a pet or domestic animal from immediate danger from wildlife.

Motion: Council Member Lloyd moved to go forward with the changes to Ordinance #636 and send it to Town attorney DeTro for review. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed.

TMC 2.105 – Tree Board – Removal of Trees

Superintendent Moss reported on a locust tree that stands between Town Hall and Twisp Daily Business partially covering the two roofs. The leaves have plugged a roof drain on the Town Hall roof. Superintendent Moss would like to remove the tree before it causes any damage to the roofs. Tree Board Chairman Dwight Filer stated he and Tree Board Member Carl Hubert will examine the tree and give a recommendation to Superintendent Moss for further action.

If the tree is removed, the Council Member Day would like to see a tree placed in a more appropriate location to replace the locust tree.

Ad Valorem Tax Levy (Property Tax) Ordinance #637

By law, the Town is eligible to increase the property tax by 1% which they have chosen to do.

Motion: Council Member Estes moved to accept Ordinance #637 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed. Council Member Lloyd abstained.

EMS Levy – Ordinance #638

The EMS Levy is a pass through tax. The Twisp citizens approve and pay the tax in conjunction with property taxes. The levy tax is part of the monthly property tax remittance from Okanogan County to the Town and twice a year the Town remits these monies to Aero Methow Rescue Service.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to accept Ordinance#638 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Action: Appointment of Mayor ProTem

Every six months, council members may designate one of their number as mayor pro tempore per RCW 35A.12.065.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd made the motion to reappoint Council Member Estes as the Mayor ProTem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Day and passed unanimously.

2012 Preliminary Budget

Mayor Ing-Moody presented the Comparison of Budget Revenues/Expenditures 2012 report to the Council. She noted that the 2012 budget reflects some changes from the 2011 budget: the employee medical deductible will be increased from \$250 to \$500 due to an 11% increase to costs of the current benefits; Twisp Municipal Airport hangar leases to be increased by 3%, an increase of \$5.40 from \$180 to \$185.40; 2011 new hires will receive salary increases as noted in their contracts as well as the police

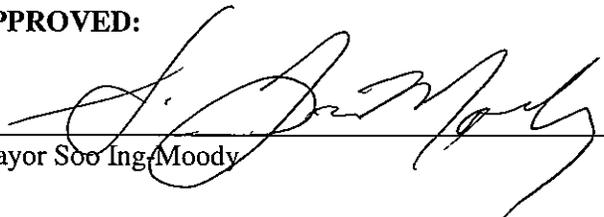
clerk; Council stipends will be restructured from \$40 per month to \$30 per meeting and \$20 per sub-committee and special meeting with a cap of \$100 per month per council member; a \$10,000 line item is included in the budget in light of the potential for water rights acquisition in 2012. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that it appears that a water/sewer rate increase will be necessary for 2012.

Clerk Moriarty explained that the monies in the Street fund for 2011 were not utilized and will carry over into 2012 as a beginning balance. Clerk Moriarty reported that the Painters Addition booster station project grant and loan require reserves be put away for maintenance and repairs which requires additional expenditures from water. In addition, there are two sewer projects to be completed in 2012.

Adjournment

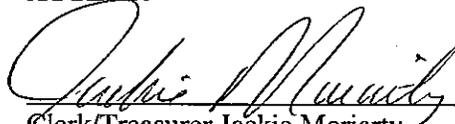
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty