

Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – Emergency Meeting 3/18/2020

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

Council Members present: Aaron Studen
Mark Easton
Alan Caswell
Hannah Cordes

Council Members absent: Hans Smith

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

N/A

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Resolution #20-654 Personnel Policy Emergency Management:

Mayor Ing-Moody discussed the update to the Personnel Policy regarding emergency compensation for work associated with a declared emergency. Following discussions with the Mayor of Darrington, who first suggested a policy be put in place, it is deemed important at this time to ensure the Town has policies surrounding emergency management and response work that may be reimbursable, particularly in light of the fact that the President has declared a federal emergency, providing for potential FEMA reimbursements for entities that qualify.

Council Member Studen moved to approve Resolution #20-654 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Proclamation of Emergency:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she is ready to sign an emergency declaration for the Town of Twisp. The state of Washington, and now the federal government has declared emergencies, and a local declaration would help ensure that emergency management and response efforts be qualifiable for reimbursement. Additionally, there is consideration that a local declaration would help ensure that local businesses impacted by the emergency would also be eligible for any Small Business Administration loans.

Since FEMA has been activated, each state would be eligible for fund disbursements to help public entities cover the cost of managing this emergency. She stated that the Town would begin tracking time and monies spent for this emergency as these expenditures may potentially be reimbursable.

Council Member Studen moved to approve the Proclamation of Emergency for the Town of Twisp as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #20-653 Emergency Procurement & Open Public Meetings Act:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that by signing this document, it authorizes the use of emergency procurement procedures consistent with state law and to adopt procedures for holding public meetings that are consistent with state law while reducing the risk of exposure and spread of contagious viruses through social interactions. She said that the Clerk's Office is working on setting up a process that would allow meetings to be held remotely so that Council Members and the public could use a call-in feature to attend the meeting. These precautions are in line with the Governor's Stay Home Stay Healthy Order to minimize the risk of spread and exposure to the Coronavirus while complying with OPA requirements.

Council Member Cordes moved to approve Resolution #20-653 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

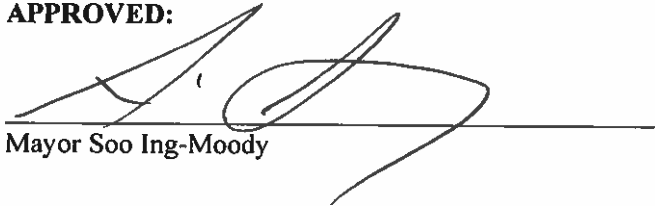
Discussion: RCO Funding for Sports Complex:

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council to review the latest numbers for the Sports Complex funding. She stated that the project, slated for construction this year, was discussed recently by the Finance Committee in light of the unfolding health emergency. Due to the increasing uncertainty surrounding both finances and human resource capacity due to the Covid-19 emergency, the committee decided that it would be important to advise the Council that considerations are being made to consider additional funding partners and options. Director Denham stated that they have met with the Methow Valley School District and they are interested in the possibility of partnering with the Town financially. Additionally, RCO is allowing the Town to increase our requested funding amount. Mayor Ing-Moody wanted to give the Council a heads up on the options being considered and plans to bring the topic back for Council consideration at a future meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer