

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 12/22/2020

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Members present via phone/video: Aaron Studen
Mark Easton
Alan Caswell
Hans Smith
Hannah Cordes

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Easton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

The following comment was received in writing and read aloud by Mayor Ing-Moody.

PUBLIC COMMENT on behalf of the Methow Valley Community Center board:

In November 2020, a letter updating members about the status of the building's heating and cooling system was sent to all members. The purpose of the letter was to inform the membership that the oil burning furnace will need to be replaced soon at approximately \$200,000. Because the building and grounds are owned by the Methow Valley School District, we were hesitant to pursue a capital campaign without knowing how the community felt about the Community Center. As the letter stated, the current lease with the MVSD includes some barriers as we have little control over the building.

A survey was included in the letter and 64 responses were received. The comments were 100% positive and we would like to include them here. Please take a minute or two to look over these comments before finishing reading our letter. (not necessary to read out loud)

The board members and management were very pleased with the enthusiasm and support of the community. We are very proud of the community center and hope that all of you feel the same way. We wanted to share this with the town council. We now need to take the next step in fulfilling the vision "To secure the building for future generations".

Thank you for your attention.

Charlene Burns
Carolyn Sullivan
Sybil Macapia
Public Relations Committee
Methow Valley Community Center

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that as everyone knows it's the last meeting of the year. She said that although the year was challenging, it was fruitful as well. She said that a lot of projects were completed and there is

a lot that our Town can be proud of. She stated her gratitude and feels it was an honor to work with the Council and staff. She anticipates next year being better and said the town is on a good path moving forward with some new and exciting projects ahead. She expressed that she is looking forward to working with everyone and wishes everyone an enjoyable and peaceful holiday break.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that one of the plow trucks broke down, and they are renting one from 24/7. He said that they ordered parts to repair the truck and hope to get it back up and running soon. He also said that they completed the interviews for the CDBG project, and both consultants are highly qualified. He said that it is going to be a tough deliberation and that he would like to call a quick PW committee meeting to discuss the options and help with the decision.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton attended the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting. He said that Meg Donahue was invited to attend as an interested new board member. Vice President Don Linnertz did a great job explaining the town's budget and the decrease in 2% funding that is being given to the Chamber in 2021. He said the Chamber will be taking the ending balance from 2020 and move it to the 2021 budget to help cover the cost that the town isn't providing them next year. He also said that they are planning to extend the contract with the Community Center for the Visitor Information Center for another year. He said that Methow Arts reported that they've had many successes this year, such as the pop-up markets and the "what local looks like" campaign. He said that at the end of the meeting they invited Meg Donohue to become part of the chamber board, and she accepted.

Council Member Easton also attended the Wayfinding Committee that is part of the Creative Arts District. Council Member Cordes was also in attendance. He said that artist Hannah Viano was in attendance and showed some of the same designs that were designed for the gateway art. Some of the designs showed a rusted steel look and Councilmember Easton felt that it was not what the overall look for the town was going to be. He asked Methow Arts Director Amanda Mott to give a presentation of the sample designs to the Twisp Economic Recovery Committee to ensure that everyone is on the same page. He is worried that there is a big difference between the two committees' vision for Wayfinding signage as it is not a traditional sign. He would like to see the font tie in with the gateway project.

Council Member Cordes said that she liked learning about wayfinding signage. She agrees with Councilmember Easton about some of his concerns but wanted to emphasize that it is the first step in the project and due to the funds available it won't be a comprehensive project.

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that she had a meeting scheduled with Amanda that did not materialize. She has not seen the artist sketches yet so she is not sure what they entail.

Council Member Smith stated that he would like to think about the lettering that will be placed on the new Civic Building and how it should tie in with the gateway as well as the wayfinding signage. Director Denham made a note to speak to the architects about that.

Council Member Caswell attended the Planning Commission Meeting. He said they discussed term limits for the members and that there is still an open position for someone that lives in town. He said they reviewed the council priorities and are beginning to work on Title 14 first and then the sign ordinance.

Council Member Smith said he attended a Civic Building meeting but will defer that conversation to the discussion later in the meeting.

Council Member Smith shared that he and Councilmember Easton attended a Finance Committee Meeting where they spent most of the time talking about the Chamber of Commerce contract that expires this year and how the town will request the 2% funds be spent.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: CDBG Contract – Sewer System Improvements:

Council Member Caswell moved to approve the CDBG Contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Resolution #20-674 – Professional Services Agreement with W. Scott Detro:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that the Town's attorney will no longer be practicing with Calloway & Detro. He is going to continue to serve municipalities while working on his own. She said one difference in the new contract is that his hourly rate has increased, which hasn't been increased for a while and is understandable.

Council Member Smith asked if we know how long he plans to continue practicing and if the town needs to start looking for other options for Legal Counsel. Mayor Ing-Moody responded that she doesn't think we need to look into other options at this time, but that she will follow up with his inquiry.

Council Member Studen moved to approve Resolution #20-674 Professional Services Agreement with W. Scott Detro. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Civic Building Plan Amendments:

Mayor Ing- Moody stated that the town has received 95% plans from Architects West. They have gone through the plans and she has spoken to all department heads to ensure that all areas looked good. Council Member Smith stated that the architects and the committees had a lot of input on the changes as well as Director Denham tackling the task of implementing cost saving measures. He said that what is left is a little smaller footprint of the same building and is quite pleased with the product. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Clerk Kilmer to show the 3-D version for a tour of the interior lobby and the meeting space. Director Denham and Mayor Ing-Moody reflected on some of the changes that were made throughout the building.

Council Member Easton wanted to congratulate everyone on the good, hard work that took place to reach this place. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that John Battle was pivotal on this project and she is thankful for his service and his high level of expertise. She said we are lucky to have him.

Council Member Studen asked if there was any redundancy built into the HVAC System. Director Denham replied that it would be cost prohibitive to ensure redundancy, but intends to have a required and recommended parts list to have on hand in case of failure. He said that on January 5th the architects should have the 100% plans completed and it will go to bid on January 20th, 2021 if all goes according to plan. Mayor Ing-Moody said she will bring the 100% plans for Council consideration and acceptance at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes 12/08/2020

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 22nd of December 2020.

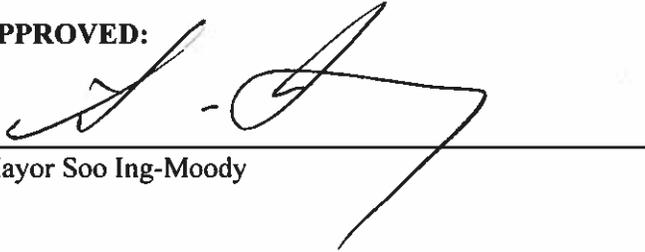
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| Payroll | EFT# 2431-2438 | 8648.00 | 12/15/2020 |
| Accounts Payable | Warrant # 35900-35919 | 9796.70 | 12/22/2020 |
| Accounts Payable | EFT # 2493 | 683.00 | 12/22/2020 |

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer