

## **Town of Twisp**

### **Council Minutes – 6/11/2019**

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

Council Members present: Mark Easton  
Alan Caswell  
Hannah Cordes

Council Members absent: Aaron Studen  
Hans Smith

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Council Member Cordes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

Addition: Discussion: Murals Program  
Addition: AWC Annual Conference: Voting Delegates

#### **Public Comment:**

Mark Edson would like to know if the website has the amended version of Ordinance 13.10.020 or if it is still the current version. It was determined that it is the current version as there is no new version until Council acts on it – possibly during the meeting tonight.

Heidi Appel introduced herself to the council stating that she is a single working mom, attorney and a District Court Judge. She feels that there are no available homes in Twisp and so she purchased 9 ½ acres to build a home on. She feels that Twisp is a great place to raise kids, would love to walk to the Farmers Market and to town. Since purchasing the land, she expressed that she feels that she has been treated like a criminal, harassed by neighbors who have been trespassing on her land. She claims that there have been expressed desires that her land should be used as open space. She said that after considering land conservation she is planning the smallest footprint possible, which is to live in town. She claimed that she was told by the Town Planner that as she develops the land she will be under intense scrutiny by the Town. In the future she would like to see the Town welcome new people and make them feel more invited into the community. The Mayor thanked her for her comment and responded that this is the first time this has come to their attention and that she would be following up with the planner as the town strives to provide equal treatment to all.

#### **Presentation: Creative Arts District- Annette Roth**

Annette Roth gave a presentation about applying to be a Creative Arts District in the State of Washington. There are many benefits to becoming a Creative District including more opportunities for municipal grant funding. If Twisp is selected to be a Creative District, it would be eligible for a \$5000 grant award that would help with the administration of the District. It would require a match, of which \$2500 could be in kind. There will be more conversation later along with more information about applying.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that she, along with the Clerk/Treasurer, attended the Public Records University put on by the Attorney General's Office in Spokane. The Mayor announced that the annual Fourth of July Parade is coming up and everyone is welcome to ride on the Town's vehicle/float. There are Twisp t-shirts available for anyone to wear that would like to participate. The AWC Annual Conference is the last week of June and the Mayor invited everyone to attend. She stated it is a great place for elected officials to network and learn new information through classes and meetings.

**Staff Reports:**

Director Denham reported that his report is included in the packet. In addition, the pool is operational as the swim team was already using it for practice.

**Commission/Committee/Board Reports:**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the OCOG meeting that was held the night before. The Council is continuing to work on their two main projects: The Primitive Roads Study which has been renamed to the Okanogan Backroads Study, and the Main Street Highway Study. The Backroads study which is in its first phase is anticipated to be completed by the end of June. The Main Street Highway Study, it is following the same pattern with the first phase completing at the end of June.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/Action: Ordinance #750 – Amending TMC 13.10.020:**

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Ordinance #750 – Amending TWC 13.10.020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: Adoption of Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP):**

Director Denham introduced the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan to the Council. He explained that updating was necessary in order to be awarded grant funding for the projects listed. It was decided that Council will review it at this time and act at a future meeting.

**Discussion/Presentation: Mural Arts Program:**

Sarah Jo Lightner presented the Mural Arts Program to the Council. She would like to have a letter of support from the Town that could help with potentially funding it. The plan would be to start with 1 large and 2 medium murals or 2 large murals. The Merc building will be first to receive a mural as part of the pilot program. The murals would be put on privately-owned buildings. The goal is to help revitalize the town and beautify the spaces. There would be a weather coating applied to the mural to ensure it lasts as long as possible and to help with graffiti removal if needed.

**Executive Session: Potential Litigation:**

Mayor Ing-Moody excused the staff and public for an executive session at 6:32 pm. At 6:52 pm she requested 20 more minutes. At 7:12 pm Mayor Ing-Moody resumed the Council Meeting with no action taken during the executive session.

**Discussion: AWC Annual Conference – Voting Delegates:**

Mayor Ing-Moody asked if any Council Members are available to attend the AWC Annual Conference – specifically the Business Meeting held on Thursday evening. She will be assuming her Vice President role on the AWC Board of Directors and there will be an opening for the District 3 position.

**Consent Agenda:**

- 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

Accounts Payable	EFT# 1277-1279	6/11/2019	23798.42
Accounts Payable	Warrants #1280-1315	6/11/2019	21140.35
Payroll	EFT# 1215, 1219,1221-1233, 1235	05/31/2019	29711.85

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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

**APPROVED:**




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Mayor Soo Ing – Moody

**ATTEST:**




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Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer