

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes 01/12/10  
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Boosman.

Council Members Present:     Clint Estes  
  Tom Gehring  
  Tom Mulgrew  
  Soo Ing-Moody

Council members absent:     None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Estes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Swearing in of Council Members**

Mayor Boosman swore Clint Estes into Town Council Position #2. This is Estes' second 4-year term in Position #2.

Mayor Boosman swore Soo Ing-Moody into Town Council Position #1. Ing-Moody ran for Position #1 unopposed; Vicki Hallowell did not re-run for the position after being hired as the Twisp Police Clerk.

**IACC Award – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Street Project – Presented by Don Popoff, Engineer for RH2 Engineering**

Don Popoff, RH2 Engineering was present to discuss three items with Council:

- Announced the Town of Twisp received a 1<sup>st</sup> place award at the annual IACC conference in Wenatchee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Street Project. Mr. Popoff thanked the past and present administration and staff for their initiative and work to pursue this project.
- Discussed the fact that RH2 Engineering has been working with Twisp for 3 years. Listed the projects that have been completed as being: Glover Street Overlay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Street Project and Water Line Project; Glover Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Project; and Hilltop Booster Station and Water Line Project. Mr. Popoff commended the council and staff for being diligent in their efforts in receiving approximately \$3.6 million dollars in grant funds and effective in implementing this many projects in such a short timeframe; very impressive.
- Presented the Town with a framed poster showing the before and after pictures of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and the history of the project for display at Town Hall.

**Request for additions and/or changes to the agenda**

Additions: None

Changes: None

**Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment.

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes – 12/15/09 and 12/22/09
- Addendum #1 to Highlands Associates 2010 Agreement for Services
- Resolution #10-459 – Regarding participation in the AWC RMSA Insurance Pool

## **Motion:**

Council Member Estes moved to approve the consent agenda with the proposed amendment to the minutes of 12/22/09 provided by Council Member Gehring. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Boosman reported on the following:

- Continuing conversation and Police Chief Contract negotiations with Rob Hall.
- Water main break near Alder Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Proposed Community Development Block Grant CDBG application/working with the Twisp Public Development Authority on an infrastructure project.
- Meeting with Don Popoff and Nate Andreini with RH2 Engineering and Superintendent Johnson concerning the budget and unfinished projects on the Hilltop Booster Station Project. It was decided to finish work on the inside of the lid on the big reservoir and to wait on a telemetry system for the small reservoir until it could be funded completely; they may install a build up system for the small reservoir in the interim.
- Meeting with the Public Safety Committee consisting of Council Members Estes and Mulgrew, the Police Advisory Committee consisting of citizens Gary Clark and Janice Timbers, and Chief Balam to discuss the resignation of Officer Ryan Marshall and a hiring strategy for replacement.
- Announced the Town is looking for one Council Member to replace Tina di Rienzo, several Board positions and one Planning Commission (resident) position.
- Governor Gregoire's state budget cuts.
- Passed on a thank you from his daughter, Jannie to the Council, for allowing her to raise chickens at her house.

### **Rick Balam, Police Chief**

Not present.

### **Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent**

Public Works Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

- The scum pit pump at the sewer plant went out; an approximate \$500 expense
- Water main break down on Alder Street; leak was actually on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and was running underground to the point where it surfaced. The main line was approximately 13.5 feet deep; showed Council a piece of the 1940's main line pipe that was removed. The asphalt will be patched in the spring; there was no property damage.
- Hilltop alarm has been malfunctioning; Superintendent Johnson, Mayor Boosman and Don Popoff and Nate Andreini of RH2 Engineer met and fixed the problem.

### **Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer**

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported on the following:

- Attended a jail fee consortium meeting with Chief Balam in Okanogan. The other cities and towns agreed with Twisp's conclusion that paying actual costs is the accurate way to go; the attorneys representing the consortium will draft an agreement between the cities to that effect and they will go back and start the jail fee charge discussion with Okanogan County on behalf of the consortium.
- Representatives at the above meeting support a 1/10<sup>th</sup> percent increase in sales tax to benefit police services; the proposal would have to be passed county wide by voters. Storms reported to Council that some of this tax could go for covering existing department expenses (supplanting) with a phase-in where eventually new programs would be supported over the 5 year taxing period. She asked that the Council give this matter some consideration; it will be brought up again soon.
- Water issues meeting action items: Storms is working on determining the Equivalent Residential Unit's for the Towns future discussions with the Department of Health and Department of Ecology
- Dog license renewals have been mailed to residents and are due 01-31-10 to avoid a penalty.
- Trail planning grants are coming up; Storms plans to represent the Town at a meeting regarding these grants in February.
- Working with the Public Development Authority to submit a proposal to the Council to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. The proposal would replace water and sewer lines and provide a "loop" of utilities from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Hwy 20. The Town would be able to improve infrastructure and conserve water currently leaking from current lines and the PDA would be able to meter each building and conserve water.

### **Keith Comstock, Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Comstock reported on the following:

- Several representatives of the fire department were present to show their support by welcoming Mayor Boosman and Council Member Ing-Moody into office.
- Discussed State Level 4 training that has been completed by the following volunteers: Chief Keith Comstock, David and Kevin Stanforth, and Asst. Chief Jesse Fuller. Council commended those present for completing the extensive training.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Police Chief Contract**

Mayor Boosman discussed conversations he and Rob Hall, our future Police Chief, have had regarding his contract and employment with the Town of Twisp. Mayor Boosman explained to Council there will be no affect on the 2010 budget, but there will be an increase in salary for Mr. Hall in 2011. Mr. Hall has agreed with the terms of the contract as presented by the Town.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Council Committee Assignments**

The Public Works Council Committee suggested inviting citizens to participate in committee meetings. Clerk Storms announced an ad for the open Council position and the other positions open on boards and commissions would go out soon.

The Mayor suggested waiting to assign council committee assignments until the open council position was filled. Council Member Ing-Moody asked if she could be placed on the Recreation Facility Committee: Pools, parks and Trails; Mayor Boosman granted her request.

Council Member Gehring is waiting to see what happens with the Methow Watershed Council (MWC) because of recent state budget cuts. Mayor Boosman shared that based on the December MWC meeting he feels this group will continue to work regardless of budget and feels the Town's participation is important.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Boosman adjourned into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss personnel for approximately 30 minutes.

Mayor Boosman reconvened into regular session at 8:25 pm.

#### **Motion:**

### **Police Chief Contract**

#### **Motion:**

Council Member Gehring moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into the Police Chief contract with Rob Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

### **Committee Report**

The Public Safety Council Committee, consisting of Council Members Estes and Mulgrew, discussed their meeting with the District 6 Chief Don Waller and Commissioner Reiber last week. They said it was a friendly conversation to which they brought the outdated agreement that currently exists between the Town and District 6. They said that if the Town is going to seriously explore the option of contracting or annexing into the District, it doesn't make sense to modify the current agreement. There was a discussion about the positives of contracting or combining forces with the district and what benefits each receives right now from the other.

Council Member Gehring asked if a date for a Council retreat had been set; this might be one topic to discuss there. Mayor Boosman said he'd really like to have some council development sessions at the retreat or other times. Mayor Boosman will look at some possible dates for a local retreat; probably in the latter part of March.

Mayor Boosman also said he'd like to see the Town have a Council calendar where we could visibly track issues that the Council wants to revisit.

The Council then had a discussion about the use of the Consent Agenda. Regarding modifications to minutes, Clerk Storms will check to see if it's possible to leave the minutes on the consent agenda and still make changes to them at the meeting. There was discussion about

sending out the voucher summary with the Council packet so that those routine approvals could be part of the Consent Agenda as well. In the mean time, Mayor Boosman asked that the voucher section be titled Routine Business so that it is clear it is an agenda item.

**ROUTINE APPROVALS**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010:

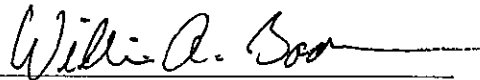
Checks/Vouchers AWC NCNB	#27006 - #27010 ACH ACH	\$4,890.61 \$9,071.03 \$10,214.02	12/31/09
Checks/Vouchers AWC	#27011 - 27044 ACH	\$89,000.19 \$826.88	12/31/09
Payroll	#12347 - #12369	\$23,960.99	01/01/10
Cashmere Valley Bank	ACH	\$1,254.99	01/01/10
FP Francotyp-Postalia	ACH	\$500.00	01/05/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27045 - #27052	\$2,274.04	01/12/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27053 - #27059	\$6,900.00	01/15/10

**MOTION:**

Council Member Estes moved to approve the current accounts payable and current payroll and benefits and to disburse payment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Ing-Moody moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mulgrew and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
 Mayor William A. Boosman

**ATTEST:**

  
 Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms