

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes 04/27/10
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

Council members absent: Tom Mulgrew and Mayor Boosman

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 – 04/10/10 and 04/13/10
- Current 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 27th day of April, 2010:

Checks/Vouchers	#27319 – #27339	\$25,978.63	04/27/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27340 - #27341	\$5,859.20	04/27/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27342	\$24.08	04/27/10
USDA	ACH	\$683.00	04/28/10
USDA	ACH	\$354.00	04/28/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27343	\$25,768.47	04/28/10

Motion:

Council Member Ing-Moody moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Johnson asked the Council if they had any questions regarding his written report. Council Member Smith asked Johnson if the PUD had provided the street light inventory list that was requested. Johnson reported George Howe, PUD was only able to provide a count of the number of lights the Town has and the wattages of those lights, no location map. It was suggested the Public Works Committee discuss this again.

Rob Hall, Police Chief

Chief Hall reported on the following:

- He is currently working on an application for a new grant for a 4th officer; this application is due June 3, 2010.
- He will be applying for “round two” of a grant process previously applied for by the Police Department that would also provide for a 4th officer; this application is due sometime in June.

Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported on the following:

- The Police Department vehicle grant has been submitted to USDA. The grant application will serve as a place holder; we don't know if funds are available this fiscal year or next.
- The Park and Recreation Grant through the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) is due on Monday, May 3rd. One property owner has already verbally agreed to allow an easement/right-of-way for a trail system along the river in Town.
- The Chamber of Commerce was approached by a sub-committee mostly made up of businesses owners that want to begin a campaign to promote Twisp. Storms feels like this is really good news for the Town.

Keith Comstock, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Comstock was not present.

Council Committee Updates

Park and Recreation Commission

- The Park and Recreation Commission have one vacant in-town position.
- A survey is being developed for public input.
- They feel positive about the land owner that has given a verbal nod for donating land for a trail.

Board/Commission Reports

Mark Wolf-Armstrong and Maggie Coon were present to give an update on the Public Development Authority (PDA).

- A draft of the Master Plan should be available to the public in May; it contains in part history, community process, programs on-site, partner associations, request for proposals for potential partners, narrative of design layout, definition of three phases: years 1-3, years 4 -6 and years 7- 10, infrastructure up-to-date, making buildings useable year round, energy efficiency and renewable energy.
- Discussed annual report due to the town soon.
- University of Washington architecture students learning on site about de-construction and re-purposing materials.
- Discussed a Community Solar Project. Government incentives are available starting June 10, 2010. Mark and Maggie are requesting Twisp partner with the PDA in this venture. The Town was asked if they would provide a Town advocate or champion for this project. It would be a 10-year project beginning July 1st of 2010.
- Council Member Gehring announced the PDA is planning a possible Solstice Party in June.

OLD BUSINESS

North Cascades Fiddlers Contest

Brad Pinkerton representing the North Cascades Fiddlers Contest was present to ask Council if his group could be given a permit or allowed an exemption from the current rules of no camping and no alcohol in the Twisp Park for their upcoming event. Mr. Pinkerton reported he plans to try to obtain the neighbors field (located near the pool) for camping accommodations and to rope off a section of the park for a beer garden. Mr. Pinkerton realizes that a liquor license is required even though they do not sell the alcohol. Council discussed the noise level of the instruments, Pinkerton stated the musical instruments are not electric they are played into a mic.

Chief Hall voiced his concern about the impact on the neighborhood and suggested Mr. Pinkerton contact each resident neighboring the park regarding the event. Chief Hall is concerned about the precedence that would be set by allowing alcohol in the park. Hall explained that in no way does he feel this particular event is a threat, but urged Council to look at other potential events that could be held in the park and ask themselves if this is what they want for the Twisp Park and Twisp residents. Chief Hall explained that through researching the possibility of alcohol in the park they found that the State Liquor Board allows special events to be permitted when held by not for profit entities. There are rules including providing a barrier 42" high, assuring no one is over served or leaves the area where alcohol is permitted. From his understanding, alcohol cannot be given away. He also noted the importance of emergency vehicles being able to get through the parking lot if necessary.

Superintendent Johnson is concerned about proper toilet facilities, trash management and removal, and camping in the park. Mr. Pinkerton responded that there could be an alternative camping spot on private property if that is an issue.

ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Estes asked the Park and Recreation Commission to take on the issue of alcohol and camping in the park and come back to the Council with their recommendations.

Farmers Market

Bob Elk, Farmers Market Board Representative and Willy Getz, the Farmers Market Master were present to discuss the use of the Commons Park to set up vendors for the market. Apparently, they understood the Commons Park was under the control of the Farmers Market Board on Saturdays during the Farmers Market. Also present, representing the Calvary Chapel of the Methow Valley Church was Nancy Elvig. Issues arose when the church rented the park from the Town during the hours of the Farmers Market. Minutes from prior Council meetings were researched but there was no definitive action taken that clearly gave use of the Commons Park to the Farmers Market Board. There was brief discussion regarding the Farmers Market rules and regulations and how they affect non-profit groups that benefit Twisp and the Methow Valley. Ms. Elvig explained she was advocating for all groups that don't fit the Farmers Market criteria, which would benefit from the Commons Park being open for rental.

ACTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Estes referred the issue to the Park and Recreation Commission for recommendations to the Council.

Resolution #10-462 – Approval to Submit a Grant Application to Recreation and Conservation Office for Easement or Right-of-Way Acquisition to develop a trail system

Clerk Storms discussed Resolution #10-462 regarding the submittal of a grant application to the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) for easement/right-of-way acquisition for the purpose of a trail system. Storms stated the application deadline is May 3, 2010. The grant match funds required would be satisfied by donated land; Storms does not anticipate any cash match having to come from the Town budget.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution #462 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Mayor Boosman joined the meeting.

Bid Award – Twisp Municipal Airport – Runway Improvement Project – Washington State Department of Transportation – Aviation Division Grant

Clerk Storms reviewed the bid tabulations (calculated by Riedesel Engineering) regarding the Airport Runway Improvement Project with Council. Mayor Boosman recommended to Council the apparent low bidder for the base and alternate, Lloyd Logging be awarded the bid. The Lloyd Logging bid was \$403,225.80.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to award the Airport Runway Improvement Project, base bid work and Alternate, to the apparent low bidder Lloyd Logging contingent upon Washington State Department of Transportation funding and approval. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #615 – Building Codes

Council felt they needed Building Inspector Dave Sandoz present for clarification of Ordinance #615.

Action: Ordinance #615 will be put on the May 11, 2010 agenda.

Transfer of Airport Car to the Twisp Airport Improvement Board

Clerk Storms reported to Council that our AWC insurance plan requires certain recordkeeping measures and driver eligibility review that could not be met by the airport board allowing public use of the airport car. Therefore, the Airport Improvement Board chose to insure the car themselves and is requesting that the Town officially transfer the car to the Board for the specific use as an airport car.

Motion:

Council Member Ing-Moody moved to approve the transfer of the airport car to the Airport Improvement Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Airport Ground Lease

Clerk Storms discussed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Seattle) rate for 2009 in regards to the Airport Ground Lease rental fee adjustment. Storms reported the latest annual increase in the CPI would only raise the lease fee \$1.08 per year; the costs involved with making that change on the lease collections would take more money than the increase would generate. Storms asked Council if they would like to raise the lease fee, round the increase up or down, or wait until there is a certain cumulative amount of increase. Council agreed as a whole to wait until the cumulative increase is over \$2.50 and then round it to the nearest \$5.00. They will review this again next year.

Conditional Hiring of Lateral Police Officer

Chief Hall reported he planned to make a conditional offer to hire Michael Kim from California for the lateral police officer position. Mr. Kim is a 6-year veteran of law enforcement and is fluent in English, Spanish and Korean. His proposed start date will be May 24, 2010. Mr. Kim will have a 6-month probationary period, in which he must complete his certification for Washington State. When his certification is complete, he will be given a raise. Chief Hall reported his salary has no affect on the budget set for 2010, but told the Council that if hired, his rate is higher than the officer leaving who was an entry level and that will impact the 2011 budget. He estimated that salaries would increase approximately \$5,000 in the 2011 budget with this hiring.

Resolution #10-463 – Hilltop/Painter’s Addition Project - USDA Project Close-out Requirements

Clerk Storms discussed Resolution #10-463 regarding the official close-out of the Hilltop/Painter’s Addition Project as required by USDA.

Motion:

Council Member Ing-Moody moved to approve Resolution #10-463 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Estes adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Estes

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms