

Town of Twisp
Special Council Minutes 05/10/10
1:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Mayor Boosman.

Council Members Present: Clint Estes
 Tom Mulgrew
 Hans Smith

Council members absent: Tom Gehring and Soo Ing-Moody

Resolution #10-465 and #10-466 – Regarding Intent to Enter into a Loan Agreement with the Public Works Board

The Council reviewed information presented by Clerk Storms regarding cost estimates of various high priority water projects on the Twisp list of capital projects. Don Popoff from RH2 had prepared detailed estimates for the following projects:

- Well #4 Improvement/rehab; Telemetry Upgrades for Water System
- 8” Water Main Upsize Burgar-Ainsworth-Twisp Ave
- New 12” water main across Twisp River, possible bridge application
- 8” water main extension SR20 south of town
- Massey-Wills lane water main upsize to 6”

Clerk Storms presented information so the Council could be updated about the current debt service levels and debt payments of the Town. She explained about the final payoff of debt coming up in 2013 and 2016. Also, she provided pages from the Water System Plan talking about when Well #4 might be essential to meet the Town’s water demands (10 years after the Plan was produced in 2008) and how that might have been impacted by the Town’s water conservation efforts and by the lack of population growth that the water system plan projected.

Council discussed the opportunity to obtain .5% financing for 30 years from a Public Works Trust Fund Loan. The Council also considered the feedback from citizens about the problems with water delivery in town especially on Massey-Wills where there were requests again in 2009 for a new water main to solve supply problems to that neighborhood. That area is currently served by a 1 ½” waterline; new specifications would mandate a 6” line. The importance of the telemetry project to manpower needs, control of the full water system, and avoid supply emergencies was also discussed. While there was a Drinking Water application put in for the telemetry, the Town is not assured of funding because of the competitiveness of the funding sources right now. The needs of the neighborhood on the north side of the Twisp River and south on Twisp Avenue were also discussed. The Council expressed concern that the water rates not require any more large increases and what other strategies for timing infrastructure replacements might be helpful.

After considerable deliberation about the importance of each of these water projects and timeframes for addressing the needs, the Council asked about the sewer belt press project and its priority to the Town. The Public Works Superintendent spoke about the current solution, which involves trucking waste as it accumulates at the plant to a property just outside of town limits for land application. He explained the drawbacks to that solution and that DOE has really urged the Town to implement a process for de-watering the sludge. The Clerk also added that we spent about \$18,000 this last year in sludge hauling, an amount that could help, in part, to pay debt payments on the loan. After additional discussion and consideration of the risks of not taking action, the Council prioritized the following projects for current funding:

- Priority #1 Belt Press Biosolids Handling Project – Sewer System (Cost pending RH2 estimate)

- Priority #2 Two Water projects including:
 - Telemetry Upgrades for Water System

 - Replacement of the water main to the Massey-Wills Lane neighborhood (plus the cost of a drywell stormwater system at bottom of hill.)

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to approve Resolution #10-465 to apply for Public Works Trust Fund monies and make required certifications related to the application for funding to do the two water projects for a total of plus the cost of the drywell system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mulgrew and passed unanimously.

Motion:

Council Member Mulgrew moved to approve Resolution #10-466 to apply for PWTF monies and make required certifications related to the application for funding to do the belt press biosolids handling project for the Twisp Wastewater Treatment Plant contingent upon the cost estimate being prepared in time by RH2 and accepted by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Boosman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor William A. Boosman

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms