

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes 06/22/10
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Boosman.

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

Council members absent: Tom Mulgrew

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Ing-Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing - Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan – Resolution # 10-471

Mayor Boosman opened the public hearing to discuss the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and Resolution #10-471. Superintendent Johnson went over the plan with Council. John Lomison questioned the proposed work on 5th Avenue; Johnson stated it was a proposed re-construct. Council Member Smith questioned whether the format of the plan was ideal, since the high priority transportation enhancement projects were listed at the end of the document and would therefore be harder to see as high priority. Mayor Boosman explained that the enhancement projects were purposefully listed separate from the street projects because each list is funded through different agencies.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve Resolution #10-471 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the period of 2011 through 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Mayor Boosman closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant – Police Vehicle

Mayor Boosman opened the public hearing to discuss the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant for a police vehicle.

Clerk Storms explained to Council the Town has another opportunity to fund a police vehicle through USDA in part from grant funds and partly from a 5-year low interest (approx. 4.5%) loan. Based on our 2009 loan of \$19,000, the town is currently paying \$354/mo for the 2009 car purchased. Leone Edson asked whose vehicle would be replaced if this vehicle was obtained; Chief Hall stated either his or Officer Kim's. The new vehicle would replace one of the aging Dodge Durangos. Council Member Ing-Moody asked if the vehicle being replaced would be sold,

Storms replied the vehicle would be sold as surplus and the proceeds added back for future capital replacements.

Mayor Boosman closed the public hearing.

Request for additions and/or changes to the agenda

Additions: Farmers Market/Commons Park and Public Development Authority Board Appointment.

Deletion: June 8, 2010 minutes – need changes.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll and Accounts Payable

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 day of June, 2010:

Dept. of Retirement Systems	ACH - #9100406 & 9100407	\$3,765.77	04/30/10
Dept. of Retirement Systems	ACH - #9100508 - #9100509	\$3,941.09	05/31/10
FP Francotyp-Postalia Inc. Checks/Vouchers	ACH - #9100602 #27481 - #27517	\$500.00	06/09/10
USDA	ACH - #9100603	\$52,867.18	06/22/10
USDA	ACH - #9100604	\$683.00	06/28/10
		\$354.00	06/28/10

Motion:

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

Public Comment Period

John Lomison suggested Robin Madison, owner of the Antler's Saloon and Café, be recognized for all of the years she organized and ran the 4th of July parade.

Mr. Lomison encouraged the Council to try to get the Fiddlers' Contest as an event in Twisp.

Sarah Schrock discussed what a wonderful asset the Wagner Memorial Pool is to the community. Ms. Schrock shared her concern about not having a forum for patrons to voice complaints and/or suggestions about the pool to impact future decision-making. Ms. Schrock had the following ideas/suggestions for the pool: develop a punch card system so people could pre-pay and not have to carry cash; install baby changing tables in both the men's and women's restrooms; add a

spinner for swimsuits; would like to see the pool open through Labor Day weekend at least and wishes the pool could stay open through September.

Council Member Ing-Moody suggested that Ms. Schrock draft a memo of her ideas to the Park and Recreation Commission for discussion. Council Member Gehring questioned whether the Park and Recreation Commission is the best place for this issue or if it should go to a Council Committee.

Public Comment Period – Continuation of the Public Hearing for the Shoreline Master Program

There was no Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) comments from the public present.

Council discussed the fact that they had not made a motion to continue the public hearing for the SMP at their last meeting. The Council discussed holding another public hearing on August 10th, 2010, when the comment period for the SEPA ends.

Action: Staff will prepare a public hearing ad to be published stating public comment can be submitted verbally or written up until August 9, 2010 at noon. The public hearing will be held at the Council meeting on August 10th.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to hold a Shoreline Master Plan hearing on August 9th (hereby corrected in these minutes to 10th), 2010. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Boosman reported on the following:

- His concern regarding Planning Director Perry Huston's suggestion to eliminate the word "prohibited" in the District Use Chart. The other categories he wants to include are permitted and Conditional Use Permit (CUP); nothing would be prohibited.
- Met with Tim Flynn, Aspect Consulting to discuss a water acquisition strategy.
- Met with Lee Hatcher, Methow Watershed Council (MWC) Coordinator regarding working more closely with the MWC. Mayor Boosman will be preparing a proposal to the MWC.

Staff Reports

Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent

Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

- Department of Fish and Game has approved the diffuser project at the treatment plant; suggested work time would be between September 1 and December 1, 2010. Still waiting for the Army Corp. of Engineers to respond to the Town's request.
- Patching potholes.
- Secured Tackman Surveying to prepare easement documents on Hughes Lane.

- Plugged sewer line recently on Twisp Avenue near the Twisp Pub.
- The Water Quality Report is complete and ready for mailing to Town residents.

Rob Hall, Police Chief

Chief Hall reported on the following:

- The Stonegarden Grant obtained in 2009 is currently being used for overtime in the police department.
- The COPS Grant was completed, submitted and preliminarily accepted. Chief Hall thanked Police Clerk Hallowell and Clerk Storms for their help on the grant process.
- Reported that he had a positive meeting with the North Central Washington Drug Task Force and feels the annual dues will be reduced to an amount the police department can afford.

Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk Storms reported on the following:

- Plans to meet with the Finance Committee (Council Members Estes and Ing-Moody) to discuss the first 6 months of 2010 budget.
- Sales tax revenue was up in May 2010 compared to May of 2009.
- Still looking for grant opportunities; TIB offers a possibility for sidewalks.
- Commented on the PowerPoint “practice” presentation that she and Council Member Gehring gave for the Park and Recreation grant submitted to the Recreation Conservancy Office (RCO). Storms and Gehring felt that the grant review board gave them very good and constructive feedback and they feel good about making the suggested adjustments and giving the presentation again in Olympia in August.

Keith Comstock, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Comstock reported on the following:

- Fire calls are down right now due to the cool wet weather, but may change quickly if things dry out. The wet allowed more growth of grass and brush that can lead to very fast brush fires.
- Working on developing a water usage report log to aid in the water efficiency effort. Trying to figure out a way for other agencies to notify him of their usage.

Committee/Board/Commission Reports

There were no committee, board or commission reports.

Presentation – Methow Valley Arts – July 4th Arts in the Park

Amanda Jackson, the new director of Methow Valley Arts (as of July 5, 2010) was present to invite everyone to the 23rd Annual Art Fest in the Park on July 4th. Ms. Jackson shared that this Art in the Park would be current Director Kate Jones’ last event before she moves to Colorado. Ms. Jackson reported this year’s event was built around the senses. There will be 12 professional artists, all the food vendors will be local; there will be music, comedy acts, and dancing. Tickets

are \$5 and are on sale at the park on the 4th. Ms. Jackson was happy to report there will be over 100 volunteers helping out.

Twisp Commons Park/Farmers Market

Farmers Market Board Co-Chair Craig Lints was present to discuss the use of the Twisp Commons Park by the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. Mr. Lints voiced his concerns regarding non-profit groups setting up across the park from the Farmer's Market vendors: how will the Town make sure non-profit groups have the required health permits if food is served? Had the Town Council thought about the standards they were going to use if non-profit groups rented the park? Who will serve as the "market master" for the Town; and who will make sure the park is cleaned up after a rental.

Mr. Lints feels that if the Town continues to rent the park to non-profit groups it will undermine the discipline set out by the Farmer's Market Board.

Mayor Boosman stated that non-profit groups serve a community purpose.

Council Member Gehring pointed out to Mr. Lints that the map that was adopted by the Council at the June 8, 2010 meeting was just a short-term solution to use until the Park and Recreation Commission could evaluate the situation and determine the best use of the Commons Park. Gehring pointed out that the Council values the market and its integrity.

Council Member Estes shared that he is uncomfortable blocking off the entire Commons Park every Saturday morning to other users.

Council Member Ing-Moody shared the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting would be held at 7:00 pm on July 1, 2010 at Town Hall. Craig Lints and Amanda Jackson requested agendas for that meeting be emailed to them.

Action: Staff will email Craig Lints and Amanda Jackson an agenda for the July 1st Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

Public Development Authority Board Appointment

Mark Wolf-Armstrong and Maggie Coon, Co-Executive Directors of the Public Development Authority (PDA) were present to recommend to the Council an appointment to the PDA board. Ms. Coon shared that the resignation of Rusty Post, position #4 of the board was vacant and they wished to recommend Don Ashford be appointed. Ms. Coon gave a brief bio on Mr. Ashford which included his interest and involvement with the arts community as well as his contributions to the valley.

Mr. Wolf-Armstrong shared that the PDA Board had discussed expanding from 7 members to 9 members. Also, Kate Jones had resigned her position because she will be relocating, so they will be soliciting a replacement for her position as well.

Mayor Boosman stated that he supports the appointment of Don Ashford to the PDA Board.

Motion:

Council Member Ing-Moody moved to confirm the appointment of Don Ashford to position #4 of the Public Development Authority Board for the term of June 22, 2010 through May 26, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolf-Armstrong made a quick announcement that he and Meg Donahue would be interviewed by Don Ashford on K-ROOT radio on June 23rd from 10:00-10:30 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Use Efficiency Report/Development

Clerk Storms reviewed the draft Water Use Efficiency report she prepared with the help of the Public Works Committee (Council Members Mulgrew and Smith). A public meeting to discuss goal setting and take public comment will be held at a special council meeting on June 29, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Storms shared that the ultimate goal is to get our unaccounted water loss down to 10% and maintain it.

Ordinance #615 – Building Codes

Mayor Boosman discussed Ordinance #615 regarding the needed update to the Twisp Municipal Code adopting the International Building Codes.

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve Ordinance #615 adopting the International Building Codes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Resolution #10-470 – Regarding the Intent to Adopt the Shoreline Master Plan

Council Member Gehring asked if the Planning Commission had discussed his concern about the use of fertilizer and pesticides in the shoreline. Administrative Assistant Moriarty stated the message had been passed on to the Planning Commission Secretary. Council Member Gehring acknowledged the fact that it would be hard to enforce, but thinks it would send a message that the Town Council feels strongly about protecting the shorelines and habitat.

Motion:

Council Member Estes moved to approve Resolution #10-470 approving the intent to adopt the Shoreline Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

Action: Planner Sarah Schrock will be asked to research other SMP's regarding pesticides and fertilizer use.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel – Approximately 60 Minutes

Mayor Boosman adjourned into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:05 pm.

Council extended the executive session time by approximately 30 minutes.

Mayor Boosman reconvened into Regular Session at 10:55 pm.

No action was taken.

Pool Discussion

Council discussed which Council Committee is responsible for pool issues; it was decided that responsibility falls with the Park and Recreation Committee consisting of Council Members Ing-Moody and Gehring.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Boosman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor William A. Boosman

ATTEST:


Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms