

Town of Twisp Council Minutes
1-11-05 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones -- Adjourned at 9:02 PM
Council members absent: Stephanie Hickman

Request for additions or changes:

Change: Terry Knapton from Co. Economic Alliance Council cancelled until Feb 8th
Addition: Discussion around "Airport Fee"

Council Member Koptonak led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Minutes from the previous 12-28-04 Public Budget Hearing meeting were read and approved as amended.
 1. Motion made by Council Member Koptonak and 2nd by Brown.
- Minutes from the 12-28-04 Council Meeting were read and approved as written.
 2. Motion made by Council Member Koptonak and 2nd by Bushnell.Both motions passed unanimously.

The bills and previous payroll were briefly discussed.

- Motion to approve the current bills and disburse payment (subject to the availability of funds) and approve the current/past payroll was made by Council Member Koptonak and 2nd by Schmekel. Passed unanimously. (See attached back up for more detail)

Department Head Reports:

Mayor's Update:

- Gave updates on the following topics:
 - Arbitration of County Jail Fee Update
 - Lloyd Development
 - Police Negotiations
 - Watershed
 - Parking Area on Lincoln Street
 - **ACTION: Barb to add to an upcoming agenda for further discussion**

Gary McConnell – Public Works Superintendent

- Grader coming on Friday Midnight to take care of the downtown streets
- Took out the paper towels from the Public RR and are now just utilizing the hand dryers to alleviate clogging of toilets
 - Discussion followed about installing a security camera to target front door which might slow down some of the vandalism
- **ACTION: Gary to order the big toilet paper roll dispensers to use in the Public RR which should stop the theft of the smaller rolls**

Police Department – Sgt. Shane Jones

- Everything working smoothly now with the current personnel
- Officer Sheehan doing a detailed inventory of all the police equipment, etc. while recovering from a sprained ankle
- There are 3 brand new pistols in the back that he would like to send back to the place purchased and get money back for the Town

- None of the officers want to use and the County doesn't use this type of weapon either
- Been working the burglaries and have some solid leads
 - Do It Center and Eagles Hall
- 2nd and Methow "Stop" sign was briefly discussed
 - Should not be a stop sign, a "Yield" would be better
 - **ACTION: Shane to check into and report back**

Mark Seguin – Fire Chief

- Mail In Campaign is in full swing, everyone should have received their mailers now
- Marti Darling doing the Twisp stickers for the new fire truck
- Hasn't done much yet on the sale of advertising for the side of the truck as yet, but has done some preliminary work
- Asked Clerk how the planning for the "Sweetheart Ball" was coming
 - She mentioned they need to work together in order for it to be successful

Airport-Paul Wagner

- Stated that the runway is clear
- Asked who flies in and out during this time of year?
 - Monte Catlin and Paul Christen mostly
 - **ACTION: Paul to ask him about donating flight travel for the Sweetheart Ball's auction**
 - Discussion regarding the airport hanger fee charges and the possibility of charging a maintenance fee to those individuals with hangers followed
 - Lease is currently \$165/yr
 - Thought to be very low.
 - Paul asked "Compared to what"
 - **ACTION: Paul to contact other airports the same size and get fee charges to compare to ours**
 - Why is it if the Town owns the property, they have no say in the fee structure? Seems like there is something wrong with this picture.
 - Some discussion was made concerning the viability or value of the airport property and if it could be better utilized to maximize the Town's needs
 - **ACTION: Paul to do some checking with the FAA to see if it is even feasible that we could do something different with the property**
- **ACTION: Barb to add viability of airport to an upcoming agenda to be discussed further and go into the pros/cons, asset vs liability, fee structure, etc.**

Administrative-Finance – Barb Dale

- Nothing new to report
- Brief discussion as to the scheduling of the dept heads to do the cash flow report

Town Planner—Jeff Thomas

- Not Present (Is suppose to be here the week of the 17th)

Grant Administrator – Melissa Cauley-Evans

- Not Present

Public Comments:

Dwight Filer: Update on the Tree Grant and wanted some information regarding the upcoming beautification of Glover Street. He was referred to Melissa and the Chamber who are forming a committee for this project.

New Business:

- 2005 Priority List Input from Council Members
 - The items on the priority list were updated, removed, or added as necessary
 - **ACTION: Barb to make new sheet to utilize for voting and each Council Member should pick up by Friday. Vote and return to Barb prior to next meeting for her to tally**
- N. Central Economic Alliance Membership Resolution 05-365
- Airport issues discussed during Paul's Dept Head Report

Old Business:

- Update of Action List
 - Each item was discussed and updated as needed
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Meeting adjourned at _____ PM

Attest: _____

Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

Mayor Rosemary Jones