

**Town of Twisp  
Special Council Minutes 01/19/10  
5:30 PM**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

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

Council members absent:     Mayor Boosman

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mulgrew.

**Public Hearing – Resolution #10-460 - To consider submitting a Community Development Block Grant Application for Utility Improvements**

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes called the public hearing to order. Clerk Storms announced there were handouts available for the public with additional information regarding the opportunities available through the Community Development Block Grant process and the Town's specific proposed application.

Maggie Coon and Mark Wolf-Armstrong, Co-Executive Directors for the Public Development Authority (PDA) and Clerk Storms are working on the grant together and were present to answer questions.

- Towns, cities and counties who are not directly participating jurisdictions, and have at least 51% low income citizens are eligible for CDBG funds.
- This project meets our highly prioritized need for water conservation and serves the greatest opportunity the Town currently has for economic development.
- Allows PDA to utilize all of their current buildings and plan for future uses and will be proven to be a large water conserving mechanism for the Town because of the known leaks in the complex currently.
- The water and sewer lines that are currently servicing the complex are approximately 50 years old.
- The Town will own the water and sewer infrastructure and the PDA will provide an easement for the Town to loop their water and sewer lines back to Hwy 20 and for maintenance.
- The grant effort is a great demonstration of cooperation and teamwork between the Town and the PDA, also a goal of our comprehensive plan.
- 4 areas that need to be defined in the grant application are: need, readiness to proceed with the project, capacity to manage the project and the results.
- One of the major goals of the PDA is water conservation and other green products and technology.
- The PDA plans to use pervious surfaces for the benefit of demonstrating alternatives and mitigating drainage at the site; they are researching alternatives that can withstand the weather and snow removal equipment.

- Council was interested in the sources of local funds and in-kind donations; Storms listed various sources and Mark Wolf-Armstrong explained he is totaling up hours donated.
- Council Member Ing-Moody felt it was important that the need for this project and how it connects to the larger Twisp PDA project be well defined.
- The impressive \$1.32 million that has already been obtained through private donations or grants shows huge public support for the project now and in the future.
- Approximately \$80,000 has been received from the CERB program and Okanogan County and the project has ranked in the top 3 in all regional economic plans.

There was no additional public input.

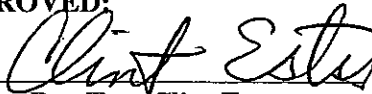
**Motion:**

Council Member Mulgrew moved to approve Resolution #10-460 certifying compliance regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Twisp Utility Improvements. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

Clerk Storms reported the grant award would be announced in May 2010, meaning if Twisp was to receive the grant partial design could be complete in 2010 and construction would begin in 2011.

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes closed the public hearing at 6:20 pm and a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Gehring, seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Estes

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms