

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes 02/23/10  
6:30 PM**

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Mayor Boosman.

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

Council members absent:     None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Interview for Council Position #5**

Mayor Boosman reported the interviews for Council Position #5 have been split into two separate meetings. Les Stokes and Hans Smith were to be interviewed at the March 9, 2010 meeting due to conflicting schedules, and because Gene Austin pulled his application, John Lomison would be the only interview conducted at this meeting. Council asked its prepared questions of Mr. Lomison.

Robin Madison, owner of the Antler's Tavern urged Council to appoint John Lomison to the Council because of his willingness to serve. Bill Bates, owner of the Branding Iron also voiced his support for John Lomison.

**Request for Additions &/or Changes to the Agenda**

Additions: None

Changes: None

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Consent Agenda**

1.     Approval of Minutes - 01-12-10 and 01-19-10.
2.     Methow Valley Youth Soccer Club – Use of Field at the Airport

**Motion:**

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

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Rob Hall, Police Chief**

Chief Hall reported on the following:

- Showed Council an example of a new police department uniform he's considering.
- Briefly discussed the burglary at the Methow Valley Family Clinic.
- 2009 Stonegarden Grant through the Department of Homeland Security – The original grant application requested was approximately \$122,000; the Town received approximately \$12,000 which is being used for overtime and equipment expenses. A 2010 grant application is being worked on with a request of approximately \$125,000. With a portion of the 2009 funds the department will be acquiring night vision equipment.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer hiring update – Officer Marshall's last full-time day will be February 28, 2010; however he will be filling in part-time two evenings a week. Discussion was held regarding the need to find a unique individual to fill the position and the Chief's willingness to wait to find the right person so that we don't have to go through this process again soon.

#### **Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent**

Public Works Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

- The Alder Street/5<sup>th</sup> Avenue catch basin has been cleaned out and is flowing properly. When the weather warms up some grading and patching will need to be done in the area.
- Having trouble locating cold mix for patching potholes. Lakeside Industry has a product called Easy Street, but it is expensive. Discussed the weather being a factor for so many potholes.
- Attended a fire hydrant workshop.
- Will be sweeping streets soon. Scheduling inmates from Okanogan County Corrections to aid in the spring clean up.
- Glover Street sign installed.
- BOD numbers are really good at the treatment plant; no spikes.
- Discussed the Hilltop tank restoration, work should be complete next week and the reservoir will be filled.
- Installed temporary telemetry equipment on the reservoir near the Lloyd property. That system seems to be working properly. Engineers will provide telemetry data.
- Discussed other street expenses.

Council Member Mulgrew introduced Joanne Uehara, a Winthrop Town Council Member present to observe our meeting.

#### **Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer**

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported on the following:

- Announced Association of Washington Cities Roundup being held at the Okanogan City Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Council Member Mulgrew and Clerk Storms are interested in attending.
- Will be attending a Recreation and Conservation grant workshop in Tacoma on Friday, February 26, 2010. The workshop will provide grant training that may provide resources for trail development.
- Centennial Grant - Still working out details with MSRF and Wildfish Conservancy on how to administer the grant and present match for successful draws.
- A single State audit will take place for 2009 because of the amount of federal grant funds the Town received. She is negotiating with the State Auditor on the scheduling for future audits.
- Cash flow is lower then last year for January and February. Discussed cash flow and scheduling grant requests and payments.
- Told Council that the legislature is considering bills that would provide more flexibility for local sales tax assessments during the current fiscal crisis. Linda Evans Parlette is on the budget committee.

#### **Keith Comstock, Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Comstock reported on the following:

- Training opportunity - using a house for training that will eventually be burned down and the lot cleared off.
- Some volunteers are currently doing double training nights during the week.
- Huge possibility for wildfires this year. Anticipates it being a busy year.
- Several new volunteers.
- Discussed cleaning up metal junk around the fire department and town property. Superintendent Johnson discussed a conversation he had with Betsy Cushman, from Methow Recycles regarding a metal drive to be held on Town property near the airport and need for fencing. Clerk Storms added there has also been discussion about multiple uses including a possible chipping operation and recycle drop station located in town. Ms. Cushman will be invited to a future meeting.

#### **Mike Palm, Airport Manager**

Airport Manager Palm reported on the following:

- The runway reconstruction project is going well. The bid ads will go out March 9<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. (Palm reminded Council the grant monies from the State come from aviation gas tax). The bids will be reviewed and the Council will be asked to award the bid at one of their meetings in April. They hope that construction can start mid-May and they expect a 30-day closure for airport.
- A donation of \$3,000 was given to the Airport Association; they are using it to improve their irrigation system. A water storage tank was purchased to use for irrigation water storage because of problems they've had with air in the water lines.
- A 12' x 40' storage building has been purchased by the Association. It will house the

beacon light panel and be used for storage. In the future the Association hopes to convert it into a welcome center/pilot's lounge.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Boosman reported on the following:

- He met with Lee Bernheisel to discuss water issues. They had a 2 hour conversation regarding Mr. Bernheisel history and perspective on water issues in the valley. The Mayor felt it was a productive meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Council Members Gehring and Ing-Moody reported on the following:

Parks and Recreation Council Committee

- Need to have a conversation with Chris Johnson, MSRF regarding trails.
- The 1998 Park Plan needs to be revised for future grant applications. Discussed the 2004 combined Park Plan, including Winthrop and the County.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission would be responsible for the revision.
- Need to add a section for trails.
- Council Member Gehring asked if trail planning would fall under Parks and Recreation or transportation planning and what the funding sources might be.
- Storms explained a proposed trails map could be outlined in the Park Plan and might then be included on the Transportation Improvement Plan where there is crossover. Gehring requested a staff person be present for Parks and Recreation meetings for recording purposes; the Council agreed.
- Need to start with an open meeting. Everyone involved seemed to feel that a Wednesday evening would work. Council Member Ing-Moody stressed the importance of having time to develop a strong agenda prior to the kickoff meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance #617 - Public Development Authority Review and Recommendation of Charter Changes**

Council member Gehring gave a brief background of Ordinance #617. As discussed at the February 9, 2010 Council meeting the Public Development Authority requested the Council waive the requirement to provide the Council with an audited financial statement for 2009 as they will be on a biannual schedule with the State Auditor's Office. Ordinance #617 provides language to revise the reporting requirements to correspond with the Auditor's schedule and amends the PDA Charter.

Council Member Gehring shared a copy of a recent PDA packet with Council and stated how impressed he is with the work of the PDA Board and with Mark Wolf-Armstrong, Maggie Coon and Angie Dahlstrom for all of their hard work.

**Motion:**

Council Member Ing-Moody moved to approve Ordinance #617 amending section 2.120.130 of the Twisp Municipal Code to change the language regarding the Public Development Authority requirements for Annual and Interim Reporting to the Town. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mulgrew and passed unanimously.

**Rental Agreement – Department of Ecology – Equipment Lease/Air Quality**

Clerk Storms discussed the annual agreement between the Town and the Department of Ecology. She explained that the air quality monitoring equipment is located in Town Hall and the DOE pays the Town \$900 per year for site rental.

**Motion:**

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the Rental Agreement between the Department of Ecology and the Town of Twisp for housing air monitoring equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ing-Moody and passed unanimously.

**Routine Approvals**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010:

Checks/Vouchers	#27113 - #27117	\$4,783.60	01/31/10
AWC	ACH	\$9,924.31	
NCNB	ACH	\$9,924.46	
Cashmere Valley Bank	ACH	\$1,254.99	02/01/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27159 - #27176	\$17,417.18	02/23/10
USDA	ACH	\$354.00	02/28/10
USDA	ACH	\$683.00	02/28/10
Checks/Vouchers	#27177 - #27179	\$35,296.00	03/01/10

**MOTION:**

Council Member Mulgrew moved to approve the current accounts payable and to disburse payment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

**Council Position/Planning Commission Position**

Mayor Boosman asked Council if they felt we should run another ad announcing the open Council position because one applicant had dropped out. Council agreed to run the ad for one more week.

Council discussed the Planning Commission open position. Moriarty reported there has only been one application submitted. Mayor Boosman asked that the issue be put on the March 9, 2010 agenda.

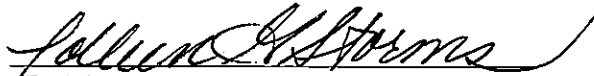
There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Ing -Moody moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mulgrew and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



**Mayor William A. Boosman**

**ATTEST:**



**Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms**