

<p style="text-align: center;">Town of Twisp Council Minutes March 8, 2005 7:00 PM</p>
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Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Jones -- Adjourned at 10:32 PM
Council members absent: None

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Additions: (New Business) Resolution #05-366 (Fair Housing) and #05-367 Swimming Pool Fish Signage

Council Member Schmekel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting 2/22/05 were read and approved as amended. Motion made by Council Member Schmekel and 2nd by Brown. 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 Brown. Passed unanimously.
(See attached back up for more detail)

Department Head Reports:

Mayor's Update:

- Noted that we are now completely under the jurisdiction of the County for our law enforcement coverage as of March 7th
- Acknowledged both Ty Sheehan and Dave Rodriguez for hanging in there over the past year and doing what was necessary through the contract negotiations
 - Gave each of them a card from the Town and a special cookie shaped like a star with their names on them
 - Unfortunately, both Shane Jones nor Frank Koutelieris could not attend tonight's event, but the Mayor will pass on the cards and cookies to them ASAP
 - Dave gave a brief update on the current process that Ty and Frank are doing in order to become qualified Okanogan County Deputies (Working with FTO's and the areas they will have additional training before being turned out on their own) i.e.: Jail, dispatch, working with their FTO's doing stops, etc.)
- Mayor would like to have a Dept Head meeting next Tuesday (3-15) at 10 AM
- Reminded everyone about the Friends of the Pool Art Auction at the Pub at 6 PM on the 15th as well
 - \$5 to get in which includes a beverage and \$10 if you also want dinner
- Going to cancel the fireman's dance scheduled for April 3rd and will try to reschedule again in the Fall

Gary McConnell – Public Works Superintendent

- Hwy 20 Project: Would like to have Mike Rohrich attend a future meeting and bring everyone including the business owners up to date

- Some discussion surrounding the inspector for that job ensued
- WSA Wallis Construction
 - Is donating their labor & equipment to repair the leak at the pool
 - The Council and citizens present felt this was a wonderful donation and will thank them appropriately when job is completed
- Explained that he is a bit concerned about the pool committee and maybe it will be hard to make decisions with so many people involved
 - Patty Yates responded that she feels we will be able to accomplish what we need to do with the team we have in place
 - Some further discussion followed on exactly what needs to be done at the pool
- Prisoners did a clean up at the park and did a really good job
- Gary's portion of the action list update was briefly discussed
- Downtown Parking was briefly discussed and decided that this discussion be tabled for an upcoming meeting
 - Funding discussion
 - Committee formed
 - Where business employees should park during the day
 - Signage needs & uniformity was discussed
- Council Member Koptonak also commented to Gary about seeing Al Flagg out sweeping the streets and was wondering if we had contracted with the County to do so?
 - Gary stated they just do it for us when they can

Sheila White – Fire Chief

- Not present

Airport-Paul Wagner

- Airport has received a \$30,000 grant to utilize for airport improvements from the County's .08 funds
 - Taxi way extension
 - Card Fuel facility
 - Paving of aviation lane and other projects as designated
 - Finish the fencing project to keep the deer off the runway
 - Paving of Aviation Lane out to Hwy 20
 - Will hopefully get additional funds from the State as well to accomplish the above projects and others
- Clerk Dale asked Paul about why the County issued the permits for hangers that are built at the airport when the property belongs to the Town
 - Not sure, but **ACTION: Barb to follow up and try to find out answer and will report back to Council**

Administrative-Finance – Barb Dale

- Emergency Declaration Letter Update
 - Letter was hand carried by Todd Smith to Olympia
 - **ACTION: Have not yet heard back, but will check with Todd prior to the next meeting and report**
- Auditor has finished up here at Town Hall and will complete her audit report at her office
 - Is still calling or emailing me for additional information
- Priority List needs to be redone. Was very hard to put into order as it was all over the place and there were no clear cut winners
 - **ACTION: Gave the Council/Dept Heads new direction and asked that they return it to her by next Tuesday 3-15.**
- Office Remodel: Moving the sheriff's dept into Janie's office, moving Janie to where Sandy was along with Lori, (Court Clerk), put Bldg Inspector and Planner where the police were and then we'll have a cohesive work place for the Town Hall staff.

- Hope to have this completed by the 1st of April

Town Planner—Jeff Thomas

- Not present

Grant Administrator – Melissa Cauley-Evans

- Not present
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Public Comments:

1. Richard Yonko: Parking down by Antler's
 - a. He has placed a fence on his property to help alleviate the problems he is having with people parking above him or to the flagpole area
 - b. Read a letter signed by others who live down by him voicing their concerns to Council and suggestions for alleviating the current problems as they see them:
 - i. Feels it is unsafe the way vehicles on both sides of the road (next to the restaurant building and to the right of the flag pole) are parking diagonally and could be a danger to children walking to and from the park or pool
 1. A long discussion on this topic ensued with the following results:
 - a. **ACTION: Council asked that Gary put boulders to the right of the flagpole allowing for parallel parking in that location only and appropriate signage**
 - b. **ACTION: Council Member Koptonak suggested that someone should notify Robin at Antler's prior to the rocks being placed. (Either verbally or in writing)**

New Business:

- Zoning Ordinance Update: Terry Larson
 - Updated Council on the previously held public hearings and the extension granted for the written public comment period
 - Have been receiving written comments and they are available through Janie should you want to read them
 - Has been spending time at Town Hall each day between 1 and 3 to answer questions
 - Planning Commission will meet again next week to go over all the comments and decide how to proceed
 - Will probably have one more public meeting
 - Will need to take a hard look at the Comp Plan as it needs to coincide with the Zoning Ordinance
 - May need to pull out a couple portions of the Zoning Ordinance, until the Comp Plan is updated then can pass some amendments to the Zoning Ordinance incorporating those portions back in
 - **ACTION:** Noted that there is another **Planning Commission Member needed** so pass the word to those people you know that live within the Town and have them contact Town Hall
- Salmon Recovery Area Annexation (Down Twisp River Road)—Chris Johnson
 - Introduced himself and gave a bit of background on the Salmon Recovery Area and noted to Council the portion he would like to see annexed into the Town and why

from the process and it's hard to just go back to where you left off without starting all over again.

- So the auditor felt based on the reality of things, it would be better to force balance the funds to the cash in the bank and investments and just go forward. The auditor will sign off on these numbers and the Town will take a finding for not having the complete financials done.
- Finance committee met last week and asked the auditor to send her recommendation in writing
 - Shari quickly noted the highlights of that email
 - We can take more time and money to continue the reconciliation process and still not actually get the numbers the auditor will want to sign off on
 - Or we can take the finding, work with the auditor to reconcile or force the fund balances to match the cash in the bank so we can move forward
 - Following some discussion, there was a motion made by Council Member Schmekel to accept the finding, force the fund balances and move forward per the auditor's recommendation & approval so we can move forward into 2005 to produce accurate reporting. 2nd by Council Member Bushnell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Committee or Point Person Formation/Delegation: Mayor Jones
 - Would like some of the Council Members to become committee leaders and oversee some of the upcoming projects
 - Hwy 20 Project Point Person (Tim Schmekel is going to consider and let Council know at the next meeting)
 - Fire Dept Liaison with Council (Jerry Bushnell volunteered)
 - **ACTION: Mayor Jones to do a brief description of what she sees the role of the committee liaison to be**

Old Business:

- Action List Update was discussed and updated as necessary
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Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM

Attest: _____

Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

Mayor Rosemary Jones