

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes
04-10-2007
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Pro-tem Stephanie Hickman -- Adjourned at 7:59 PM

Council Members Present: Jackie Moriarty
Clint Estes
Stephanie Hickman
Shari Brown

Council members absent: Mayor Vern Nations

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Addition: Old Business:

New Business: Tom Gehring application for council position

Council Member Estes led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Period:

Meeting Minutes:

Council Member Moriarty moved and Council Member Brown seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting as corrected. None opposed; motion passed.

Mayor Nation's Update to Council:

Department Heads & Committee Reports:

➤ **Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer**

- Friends of the Pool will not sell concessions this summer at the pool.
- Rent-a-Chef, Bill Simmons, will sell concessions during pool hours and have a barbeque dinner on Friday nights.
- Mr. Simmons will bring in his standard agreement for Town's approval and signing. We will get a percentage of the sales.
- Using Rent-a-Chef to sell treats will free the pool manager and life guards to guard the public.
- She has been working with Scott Detro on the application for water rights change of use. The request we're making is that the DOE would allow an exception be made for the overriding good of the public.
- The Reclamation Feasibility Study of 2004 contains much of what would be needed to prove the effort the Town has made to obtain water rights including Sue Koptonak and others' attempts to acquire up-stream water rights.

- The proposed budget detail submitted at this meeting pertains to the General Fund only. She will bring back the full proposed revision soon. She needs to meet with Gary regarding possible public works changes.
- Changes that needed to be made included:
 - ... the police clerk/administrative assistant.
 - ... include the revenues from the Water Basin Planning Unit grant for the administration and secretarial services of the ½ time administrative assistant. By combining those duties with the Police Clerk duties, it allows us to hire someone for between 35 and 40 hours a week.
 - ... The \$40,000 law enforcement one-time start up costs incurred this year will give us a good start on hiring an additional officer in 2008
 - ...The recent approved expenditures for the Okanogan Nutrition program and the Red Cross are included.
 - ...The new fire department grant and related expenditures have been included as well.

➤ **Dale Hutson, Fire Chief**

- Fire Department has ordered 2 new computers and they should be here next week.
- The grant should cover 2 air packs and 13 new sets of gear. The closing day for bid submittals is April 13th.

➤ **Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent**

- The signs Chief Balam requested for the Alternative school zone are here and will be in place soon.
- American Water Leak Detection will be here for 2 days of leak detection.
- A leak was already discovered at the Lloyd Development property and fixed.
- Public hearing will be scheduled to amend Transportation Improvement Plan 2008-2013.

➤ **Rick Balam, Police Chief**

- He is still looking for lateral position officer.
- He has let 3 training commissions know we are looking and advertised in outside newspapers.
- There has not been a deadline set for receiving applications of the lateral position.
- Spillman law enforcement software will be up and running April 23rd.
- Chief Balam has had training on Spillman and has one more session to go.
- More Twisp law enforcement inventory has been found and Sheriff Rogers was notified that we would like to have it back.
- Friday March 30th, a warrant was obtained and \$560 worth of Town street signs were recovered from a residence in Horseshoe Mobile Home Park.
- There are 2 finalists for the police clerk/administrative assistant position.

Old Business:

- Millennium Digital Media contract was discussed.
 - Council Member Moriarty moved and Council Member Estes seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Millennium Digital Media.

New Business:

- Fire District #6 Chief Don Waller offered a proposal for the Town contracting with District #6.
 - District would do pre-plans, inspections and give more coverage than we have now.
 - Training for firefighters would be consistent with surrounding communities.
 - Local fire insurance rates could hopefully be reduced in the next few of years.
 - The Town would retain ownership of our building and assets.
 - Major repairs would be the responsibility of the Town.
 - The proposal is for 2 years.
 - Our volunteer firefighter system would not change.
 - Annual stipend and pension would be paid by District #6.
 - Chief of District #6 would be the Chief of Twisp, Winthrop and District #6.
 - Secretarial duties would be responsibility of District #6.
 - Daily operations and building costs would be handled by District #6.
 - Twisp Fire Hall bond and new fire truck contract would be paid by Town.
 - Recruiting would be done by the District.
 - Council Member Hickman will join Council Member Estes on the Council's fire sub-committee.
 - Committee will meet with Fire Chief Hutson about this issue and with District #6 representatives.
- Gray & Osborne has requested a change order on completion of SR-20 Improvement
 - Wilder Construction has not offered a change order on project at this time.
 - Change order includes surveying cost G&O had forgotten and mobilization costs to return in 2007 to complete project.
 - G&O says the project is already 5 days over the projected construction time line and they anticipate 20 more days to finish.
 - Paul Mahre, DOT, stated there could still be STP money for the cost over run.
 - DOT would like to see G&O take some responsibility for engineering errors causing some of the delays.
 - After discussion, Colleen said she will follow-up with G&O and tell them we want to see if Wilder submits a change order before we negotiate with them on their change order.

Public Comment

Routine Approvals:

The bills and previous payroll draws and taxes were briefly discussed.

Motion to approve the current accounts payable and disburse payment was made by Council Member Brown and seconded by Council Member Moriarty. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the current payroll and benefits was made by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Estes and approved by majority. Council Member Moriarty abstained.

Council Member Brown moved and Council Member Estes seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Attest: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms

Mayor Pro-tem Stephanie Hickman