

**Town of Twisp Council Minutes**  
**4-26-05      7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Jones -- Adjourned at 10:14 PM  
Council members absent: None

Request for additions or changes:

Changes: None

Addition: George Wooten Request (Old Business)

Council Member Hickman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting April 12 were read and approved as amended. Motion made by Council Member Schmekel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bushnell. Passed unanimously.

The bills and previous payroll were briefly discussed. Motion to approve the current bills (with the exception of the MVID invoice until next time) and disburse payments (subject to the availability of funds) and approve the current/past payroll was made by Council Member Koptonak and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schmekel. Passed unanimously.  
(See attached back up for more detail)

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**Department Head Reports:**

**Mayor's Update:**

- Howard Betty did some repairs on the picnic area at the park for the Town
  - Replaced some rotten logs, etc.
- Went to the Transportation Meeting with Rocklynn which was very informative
  - Presented what committee is currently working on, etc.
    - Winter Olympics and tourism to the Okanogan
- Pool Committee and opening update
  - Friends of the Pool Committee meeting this Sat at the Idle a While at 9:30 AM
  - Town committee meeting next Tuesday at 9:30 AM

**Gary McConnell – Public Works Superintendent**

- Sewer Plant Condition Update
  - Out of balance, but is slowly coming back. Don't know what got into it to throw off the bacteria balance
    - First time anything like this has happened, but are working through it
- Caleb's Corner
  - Remembers that the Town stated the current owner would have to replace the water line from the Methow River Bridge with 12" pipe to his property, but felt that was unfair
    - Gary feels a 12 inch across the highway and a 10 inch up the hill and throughout the property should be sufficient to develop the project (Not the entire length of the highway to the property)
      - Rose updated Gary and Council on the latest development regarding this property

- Mike Rohrich gave a bit more information to Council on the current requirements regarding “fire flow” and velocity
- George Wooten
  - Gave Council his opinion on his request for them to consider when they read Mr. Wooten’s letter under Old Business
    - Feels that in order to be considered one residence, he will need to do some structural changes
- Hwy 20 Project (Mike Rohrich, G&O)
  - Gave a brief presentation on the current status of the project
    - Outlining the timeline and cost variables
  - Looks like funding could be impacted
    - Will be okay on the sidewalk, paving project
      - DOT and TIB grant funding
    - Will be short for the water line replacement project by possibly as much as \$194k (County funds and CDBG Grant)
      - Need to try and get some additional funding if we want to complete the project in full (maybe from CDBG)
      - Otherwise, we can do one of two things
        - Not do project due to lack of funding to complete in full
        - Do as much as we can with the money we have available
  - Timeline
    - Will go out beyond what we had hoped since it is taking us longer to get started because of property purchase, permitting, etc. Could be October or November before we complete
  - Some discussion followed and it was the general consensus of Council to look for additional funding for the water line replacement and if we can’t receive any additional funding to do what we can with the money we have available.

**Sheila White – Fire Chief**

- Not Present
- Jerry Bushnell asked for some guidelines from Rose regarding being the liaison as he has been getting some criticism for not appearing or doing anything thus far
  - Rose to get with Jerry and discuss or do a written document of actions

**Airport-Paul Wagner**

- Will have the prisoners here next week to finish up the fence with the fencing he has acquired

**Administrative-Finance – Barb Dale**

- **ACTION:** Time to plan another Dept Head Meeting
- Working on reconciliation of funds, and other items as outlined by the current audit report
- Bid “To Do” list that I’m currently working through
  - Lots to do, with less time to accomplish
    - Debt Schedule
    - Cash flow
    - Etc.
- **ACTION:** Schedule a meeting in May with Gerry Winkle and Council to go over the financial plans for the Town going forward
- Need to finish up the rest of the requirements for the IAC Grant at the Park so they can come and do the final inspection
  - Chips, playground equipment installed, basketball court stripping, etc.

### **Town Planner—Jeff Thomas**

- Will be here tomorrow for a brief meeting with Rose, and me to discuss his role and including Berger/Abam Engineering going forward

### **Grant Administrator – Melissa Cauley-Evans**

- Not present, but Barb presented a written update from her regarding the projects she is currently working on
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### **Public Comments:**

- David Wikinson: Concerned about the Town-owned property down by his home at the end of Glover Street.
    - Submitted a letter & map describing the property and asked that the Town not surplus that particular piece as it would be impossible for some of his neighbors to even access their garage and would be giving up an access for the fire dept should there be a fire to fight
      - Some discussion followed
  - Question was asked by Richard Yonko regarding the procedures for selling Town surplus real estate
    - Rose answered his question as best she could at this time and stated that we are getting info from the Town Attorney throughout this process
      - Council Member Koptonak discussed the process to date
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### **Executive Session:**

- Council went into Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss the pricing and sale of Town surplus real estate for approximately 30 minutes
    - Ended Executive Session at 8:45
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### **Regular meeting of Council was resumed at 8:46 with no action being taken following the Executive Session**

### **New Business:**

- (Should have been discussed during Public Comment period) **Jerry Palm** (from Cascade Pipe) noted that he would like Council to consider selling him the property next to Cascade Pipe (vacated street?) approx 60' by 240'
    - Will add this piece to our list as possible parcels to consider for surplus/sale
  - **Resolution 05-369 Mediation Representative**
    - Some discussion regarding the mediation process ensued
      - Noted that Council Member Bushnell would be the Mayor's alternate if she could not attend
    - Motion made by Council Member Bushnell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Passed as amended unanimously.
  - **Resolution 05-370 Revised Building and Planning Fees**
    - The fee structure was discussed and the amounts amended as necessary based on Council Member Koptonak's recommendation and Council discussion
      - Compared to Winthrop's rates who is also in the process of revising their fees as well so hard to really compare apples to apples
    - Motion made by Council Member Schmekel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Passed as amended unanimously.
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### **Old Business:**

- **Formation of Parking Lot Committee**
    - Discussion of need and location of a Twisp Public Parking lot
      - Council Member Bushnell stated that Mike Port would be willing to sell or trade the land right next to our land by Hometown Pizza to be utilized as Town parking
    - Council Member Bushnell will be the Council representative for this committee
      - Others on the committee:
        - Robin Madison, Rose Jones, Chamber Member, others
        - **ACTION:** Committee to meet prior to next Council meeting at 6:00 PM
  - **Action List Update:**
    - Items on list were discussed and updated accordingly
    - Addition to list:
      - Council Member Schmekel to talk to Judge Ebenger regarding traffic fines and possible elimination of the Municipal Court
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Meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

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Mayor Rosemary Jones