

**Town of Twisp**  
**Council Minutes - Regular Meeting**  
**05-08-2007**  
**7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Mayor Vern Nations -- Adjourned at 8:47 PM

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

Council members absent:

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Addition: Old Business:

New Business:

Council Member Estes led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Comment Period:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Deferred approval to next meeting

**Department Heads & Committee Reports:**

➤ **Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent**

- Hwy 20 Improvement Project is going well. Wilder may finish project on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Intersection of South Glover and Hwy 20, pavement is rolled up to a peak. Paul Mahre, DOT, wants the Town to do a change order for that issue and DOT will approve that change order.
- Cascade Foam and Coating will fill in cracks in the pool gutters. They are hesitant because they can't prepare the surface first and it may not seal it. The cost will be approximately \$600-800 for materials. It is unclear whether the labor will be donated as discussed last year, in which case we would just pay the product costs.

➤ **Dale Hutson, Fire Chief**

- They are working on getting everyone's sizes to order the new gear.

➤ **Rick Balam, Police Chief**

- He has bought the first replacement car.
- He has 3 part-time officers to help cover Twisp, approx. 38 hrs. a week.
- He has received two qualified applications for the lateral position.
- New court clerk is very busy trying to get the department up and running with forms, etc. Traffic court will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Numerous arrests made out of Horseshoe Mobile Home Park last week-end.

- We had another dog bite incident in Twisp. Owner was issued a dangerous dog notification.
- They are currently working on the Town of Twisp Police Department Policies and Procedures and he hopes to have a draft completed in 30 days.

➤ **Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer**

- Two grant applications discussed at April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, Shoreline Master Program (SMP) & new water reservoir grant application have been submitted.
- SMP update is mainly being handled by Okanogan County. We reduced the amount of Twisp's request to \$7400 to cover our costs for public comment and any shoreline issues that we have separate from the County. The DOE contact discouraged Clerk Storms from asking for much money through them as they felt the scope of the County's grant included a large portion of the Town's update requirement.
- We have reservoir drawings from the engineers. We have a road easement issue, acquisition of property, service lines to replace and other issues for a preliminary estimate to build the reservoir of \$1.2 million. Application will pay for part of the \$1.2 million but it will also take a large grant from CDBG. Without loan and grant, we would have to raise water rates to an unreasonable amount. We will apply for grant in fall if the loan application is successful.

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**New Business:**

➤ **Airport Board, Morgan Smith, Manager**

- Morgan thanked Jackie Moriarty for attending the Community Airport Association Conference. Jackie had given him a summary of the conference.
- From that and the draft Airport Layout Plan, the Airport Board has 3 grant proposals to submit to the Dept. of Aviation.
- Proposal #1: This application has to do with safety. They plan to move the east/west taxi-way away from the hangars and re-stripe all lines.
- #2: Develop entry way and parking.
- #3: Complete fencing around airport and create fuel facility.
- Each grant proposal is approx. \$250,000.
- Matching funds would be \$37,500 on this amount. An example of what the airport club has raised in the past, using three years of member's input: there was \$18,975 in direct contributions, 600 man hours and \$6500 in personal equipment time.
- There is \$485 left from the last grant and it will be used for fencing.
- Terms of the 5 Airport Board members have expired. Mr. Smith is asking to change the number to 3 and to accept the three names he is submitting tonight.
- The grant applications will be approved by Council through the resolution process. Jackie Moriarty said she has an example of the required resolution.

➤ **Methow Water Shed Council**

- Nathan Wehmeyer, Okanogan County Resource Planner #2, stated the County would like the Town to take over as lead agency on the Methow Watershed Council (MWC). The County would continue to help us with the technical side and during the transition.
- County would support our efforts until the grant monies come in.
- Twisp is a better repository for the Council because of our location.

- Perry Huston, new director of Okanogan County Planning, stated the County will still make available to the Council their GIS capabilities or other technical skills.
  - Perry said that one grant is finishing and a new grant will start to supply funds for this Council.
  - The Dept of Ecology (DOE) will work with the Council. Rusty Post (DOE) pointed out that the County had been obligated as lead agency in this last grant. A joint resolution signed by the Okanogan County Commissioners and the Twisp Town Council stating that the obligation had changed to the Town could be the procedure to accomplish the change.
  - Rusty Post said the Planning Unit (PU) is entering Phase 4, which is a 5 year process currently. Grant monies will be \$100,000 for each of the first 3 years and \$50,000 for years 4 & 5. In year 1 of Phase 4, the PU will create an implementation plan which includes general concepts and recommendations.
  - The PU also wants to create more details about specific projects and looking at revisions to the in-stream flow. Some changes will likely need to be made to the Scope of Work prepared by the previous Planning Unit (now the Watershed Council).
  - The Town as lead agency is a channel for the grant funds through to the PU.
  - There are administrative functions that need PU and Town need to decide who will do.
  - Rusty said additional information on in-stream flow needs to be compiled. The lead agency will need to let out contracts for this work.
  - Administrative, secretarial and contract services (consultant, legal and technical) will be needed and the Town and Watershed Council will need to determine how that work is done, by contract or by the Town providing some of the services.
  - Rusty Post works in Twisp and is available to help with scopes of work, legal, and financial questions.
- **Defer discussion of concessions contract to next meeting- contract not received yet.**
- **Approve Credit on 2 utility accounts for Water Leak Losses**
- St Genevieve Church and Ray Morrison had water leaks during the winter.
  - They were corrected in timely manner per Ord. 554.  
**Passed:** Council Member Brown moved and Council Member Hickman seconded the motion to forgive the water charges in excess of the base amounts. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Approve RH2 Engineering Contract**
- RH2 is one of the approved engineering firms for Town.
  - RH2 is doing preliminary work on 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ave. street project called a prospectus.
  - Surface Transportation Programs (STP) grant will pay for project (\$800,000) but not prospectus (preliminary drawings).
  - \$4000 for RH2 professional services was in amended budget that was recently passed.  
**Passed:** Council Member Estes moved and Council Member Stephanie Hickman seconded to approve RH2 engineering contract for up to \$4000.
- **Parking Ordinance**
- Chief Balam will research and draft a new parking ordinance.
  - No parking, disabled parking, striping, crosswalks and new parking areas need to be addressed and enforced.
  - Clerk Storms stated that the Senior Center Board, Community Center Board and Farmers Market Board will be meeting to discuss the lack of parking in the downtown area since the completion of the Hwy 20 project.

- Could the school buses be placed elsewhere in the summer instead of the bus garage?
- There had been discussion about making 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues one-way streets, adding parking diagonally on them and increasing our public parking spaces.

**Old Business:**

➤ **Interview Candidates for Open Council Position**

- Lester Boccuzzi:
  - Would like to involve more people (young and senior) in government.
  - Avoid more government
  - Budget is important
  - He would be objective
  - Need to preserve culture
- Melody Fleming:
  - To learn about Town & serve community
  - Resolve water issues & adjust zoning
  - Need to prepare a vision for growth
  - Avoid confrontation with communications
- Tom Gehring:
  - Clean, green program
  - Pride in Town of Twisp
  - Forest Service Compound important for Twisp's future
  - Supports zoning standards that encourage affordable building
  - Is for the greater good
  - Listen carefully to motivations of people speaking to him
  - Mix it up with a wide mix of people

Adjourned into executive session to discuss qualifications of council applicants.

- Came out of executive session at 8:34 p.m.  
Passed: Council Member Brown nominated Tom Gehring to fill Sam Hanan's position. Mayor Nations asked if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, the vote was taken. There was a unanimous vote to appoint Tom Gehring to the vacant position.

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**Public Comment:**      None

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**Routine Approvals:**

The bills were briefly discussed.

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

Council Member Brown moved and Council Member Hickman seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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

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 Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms

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 Mayor Vern Nations