

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes  
May 23, 2006  
Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Nations -- Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Council Members Present:

Jackie Moriarty  
Clint Estes  
Sam Hanan  
Shari Brown

Council members absent: Stephanie Hickman

Request for additions or changes: None

Change:

Addition: New Business:

Old Business:

Council Member Hanan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Comments:**

- Eva Hutson, resident on Methow St.
  - Is there a priority system for determining what streets are repaired first?
  - Is there a formula used? Question should be answered by Gary McConnell.
  - Are there weight restrictions on city streets?
  - What exactly does Palm's lease cover; what is the agreement?
- Action:** Will address these questions at the Transportation 6-year plan hearing in a couple of weeks.
- Richard Yonko- asked to defer his comments to the discussion under Old Business.

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Passed:** Council Member Hanan made the motion to approve minutes; seconded by Moriarty, motion passed.

**Mayor Nation's Update to Council:**

- Last week during the high water days he spent a couple of days and late nights out with Gary checking the dikes and local properties; some erosion is occurring around the trailer park. The water got within 16 inches of coming over the dike and cottonwood trees are leaning. He feels the Corp of Engineers should probably come out and inspect.
- Surveyed the gravel streets in town with Gary; going to work on some grading and dust abatement on the worst of these.

**Department Heads:**

**Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent-** not in attendance/no report

**Chad Surface, Fire Chief-** not in attendance/no report

**Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer-**

- Regarding the waterline replacement job, the engineers have sent out at least 3 bid packets to interested contractors. They may have to move the award date back a week because WSDOT has been slow to approve the sidewalk final specs and we want those bids back prior to award of the waterline job.
  - We need to change our Internet service to another provider because of problems with our current service. We sent out an informal RFP and have identified the best service that will also help us with hardware and other computer issues. This does not impact the budget.
  - The 2005 financial statements are due to the State Auditors May 31<sup>st</sup>, so she will be working with closed doors many hours over the weekend and in the next week.
  - (Vern) Stephanie Hickman told Vern the codification of Twisp's ordinances is almost complete; she is reviewing the draft from Code Publishing.
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**Old Business:**

- Follow-up on posting signs on Twisp Ave.
    - Know who is parking in front of the memorial now and will follow-up on that and the one sign in front of the stop sign should be changed to no parking so we can follow-up.
    - Discussed what signage would best address the problems occurring
    - Question by Yonko regarding whether police will deal with parking infractions
    - On Antler's side there is an old access window to the basement; Antlers was told they need to remove this so we can change to parallel parking. Larsens have to move the fence around their garden also.  
**Action:** Colleen will draft letters with deadlines for Vern to sign to Antlers and Larsens.
    - **Action:** Gary will complete installation of signage along Twisp Ave.
    - Yonko asked if the Town had any response to their list of requests with regard to the planned parking lot at the end of Glover. Mayor said there is no action on this yet.
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**New Business:**

- Resolution 06-381, Adopt a Policy and Procedure for the purchase of meals and/or light refreshments at meetings.
  - Clerk prepared at suggestion of Municipal Research Service Center
  - Covers allowable meals, establishes pre-approval by Mayor, and would be subject to budget.
  - Hanan suggested we put some kind of maximum cost in the policy.
  - **Passed:** Moriarty moved and Hanan seconded that Resolution 06-381 adopting the Policy and Procedures prepared by staff, as amended to include maximum

costs equal to the meal allowances in the approved travel policy, motion passed unanimously.

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**Public Comment**

- Eva Hutson
    - Where is the parallel parking referred to under Old Business?
    - Councilmember Estes explained what the Council is doing with parking changes to improve walking safety and traffic flow problems on Twisp Ave.
  - Mayor Nations asked why the rocks were in place around the well on Lincoln Ave. It was discussed that it's to protect the wellhead per Dept. of Health requirements.
  - Mayor also said Johnsons are back in their house and pleased with the work that was done.
  - Eva asked again if there are fluctuations that would cause the toilet water level to change; there was discussion about how to test to see if the toilet tank is leaking.
  - Mayor also commented that Joe Doggett is still trying to find funding help to get the structure for the skate ramp started.
  - Clerk gave Councilmembers information about attending two AWC events, the annual meeting coming up in Spokane and another opportunity in Okanogan for Town input.
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**Routine Approvals:**

The bills and previous payroll were briefly discussed. Motion to approve the current bills and (See attached back up for more detail) disburse payment and approve the current/~~past~~ payroll was made by Council Member Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estes and passed by majority. Moriarty abstained

Council Member Brown moved and Hanan seconded that meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

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Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms

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Mayor Vern Nations