

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes
06-27-2006
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Nations -- Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Council Members Present:

Jackie Moriarty
Clint Estes
Stephanie Hickman
Sam Hanan
Shari Brown

Staff:

Colleen Storms
Gary McConnell

Council members absent:

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Addition: New Business: Discussion of speed limit on Burton & Riverside Streets

Old Business:

Council Member Moriarty led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

- Pat Ebbert, resident on Bridge St.
 - Are there plans to do anything with the 4 junked vehicles on her neighbor's property?
 - The fire response vehicles parked on the Town right-of-way; can these be moved somewhere else, like to the end of the street where its not a through-street?
 - She is considering a sale of her property and can't afford a loss in value because of the neighbors' choices.

- Janice Timbers, business owner of the Horseshoe Park and resident
 - She wanted to introduce herself and share the efforts she's been making to deal with the marauding dog problem and other issues of park ownership.

Meeting Minutes:

Passed: Council Member Hickman moved and Moriarty seconded that the Public Hearing minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Passed: Council Members Hickman and Moriarty recommended some text changes to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 6/13/06. Moriarty moved and Hickman seconded a motion to approve the minutes with revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nation's Update to Council:

- Deferred comments to action items below

Department Heads:

Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer

- She reported that 55-60 people are participating in swim team and that use of the pool has been high already. She said there have been some problems with the chemical management; Gary will address that with Council.
- There will be a need to revise the budget, which she will be bringing back to Council in the next month.
- We received verbal notice that CTED is going to contribute the additional monies we need for the SR20 waterline replacement; the bids on the roadwork will be in later this week.
- It has been very busy because of the two SR20 grant projects, the CDBG planning grant on the water plan and the airport layout plan. There will be a lot of grant financial management this summer.

Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent

- There is a problem with the Chemtrol unit that manages the pool's chlorine level. They had some kids with rashes, so they are now feeding the pool by hand. He's working on finding a fix for the equipment.

Old Business:

- Kate Jones from Methow Arts spoke to Council about the upcoming Arts Festival in the Park.
 - Methow Arts has been in town about 25 years and the festival has been running since 1987.
 - It's a family-friendly festival and last year hosted 800 people.
 - It will run from 11:30 am to 5:00 p.m. on July 4th and involve many interactive art booths, food, musical presentations. The pool is usually open; sometimes there have been free swims in connection with this.
 - Could probably use any available assistance for trash management, bathrooms, etc
- Mayor Nations opened a discussion regarding possible speed limit reductions on some neighborhood streets.
 - Council was given some information about the possible cost associated with changing the limits and that the State would only allow reduction to 20 mph.
 - A letter from Officer Koutelieris was presented that recommended citizens be encouraged to call the Okanogan Sheriff's office; this would step up patrols on these troubled streets which he saw as the best way to impact the problem.
 - The streets that are the greatest concerns are Burton, Riverside and Lincoln on the way into the park.
 - There was discussion of using portable speed bumps around Town.
ACTION: Gary was instructed to find out if it is legal for the Town to install these.
 - Council Member Hickman suggested a "Caution Children" sign could be installed. Hanan said that maybe enforcement could improve this the most.
 - **ACTION:** Staff was directed to install a sign as soon as possible on the approach to the park, ex. "Caution Children".

- Tree Board- the slate of Board members prepared by Dwight Filer was presented in writing to Council. The Council approved the Board members by consensus.
- Ordinance 559 to create a policy for the payment of claims against the Town by check, not warrant was presented. Council Member Moriarty moved and Hickman seconded approval of said ordinance. None opposed; motion passed.
- Ordinance 560 to create a \$75.00 petty cash/change fund for the pool and a \$150.00 petty cash/change fund for utility receipting was presented. Council Member Moriarty moved and Hickman seconded the motion to adopt said ordinance. None opposed; motion passed.

New Business:

- The Town's dog ordinance was brought up for discussion.
 - The current licensing structure is not working- compliance isn't very good.
 - Enforcement by impoundment is pretty much impossible for the Town.
 - Member Estes suggested that matching what the County has on the books regarding dangerous dogs would be good.
 - There was discussion of lowering the license fee, but increasing penalties to help get dogs identified with owners.
 - Richard Yonko offered that in Ephrata the license is \$2 per animal, but there's a fine of \$150.00 if found unlicensed.
 - **ACTION:** Clerk Storms and Mayor Nation will work on drafting a new ordinance to bring back to Council.

Public Comment - None

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 past payroll was made by Council Member Brown and 2nd by Hickman and passed by majority. Moriarty abstained.

Motion by Shari Brown to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Estes; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms

Mayor Vern Nations