

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes 07/08/08  
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Stephanie Hickman.

Council Members Present:       Clint Estes  
  Tom Gehring  
  Vicki Hallowell  
  Tina DeRenzo

Council members absent:       Mayor Vern Nations

**Additions and/or Changes to the Agenda**

Council Member Gehring requested time at the end of the meeting to discuss the Forest Service project.

Council Member Hallowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mark Edson distributed to Council a section of the draft Zoning Ordinance currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission and brought Council's attention particularly to Section I: Purpose and Intent – Purpose F. "Protecting existing land uses and property values from undue adverse impacts of adjacent development". Mr. Edson stated that he didn't care what happened outside his property; he was just requesting that Council protect him and his business during the process of revising the zoning ordinance. Mr. Edson pointed out several items in the draft ordinance that in his opinion could cause issues with his property.

Town Planner Willson shared with Council that Mr. Edson has attended many of the planning meetings and that the Planning Commissioners have been open to his suggestions. Mr. Edson stated that they have not completely satisfied him with regards to all of his suggestions. Town Planner Willson explained that Mr. Edson's business is in compliance with the existing and proposed Industrial Use and that the proposed regulations do not change his business.

Council Member Hickman asked that if Mr. Edson's building was destroyed, would he be able to rebuild. Town Planner Willson confirmed again that Mr. Edson's business is a conforming use in the Industrial Zone and he would be able to rebuild and continue his business.

Mr. Edson requested language be added into the new Zoning Ordinance that confirms his business falls under and complies with the previous Zoning Ordinance.

Carl Timbers asked Council for permission to reestablish 4 or 5 RV sites at the Horseshoe Trailer Park mainly for tenant's friends and family to have a designated site to park and stop them from parking at a tenant's space and obstructing traffic flow for other tenants. Council Member Hickman inquired about the sites already existing; Mr. Timbers stated that the sites did already exist and that there were water and sewer services. Town Planner Willson shared his concern

regarding allowing sites in residential neighborhoods where traffic could be an issue. Town Planner Willson asked Mr. Timbers to prepare a proposal and present it to Council; Mr. Timbers asked for Willson's assistance.

Willson stated that, as part of the zoning ordinance process, he would like to suggest sending out mailings regarding proposed zoning changes to residents in highly affected areas.

## **MINUTES**

### **MOTION:**

Council Member Hallowell moved to approve the June 24, 2008 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

## **MAYOR NATIONS UPDATE**

Not present.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rick Balam, Police Chief**

Chief Balam discussed the monthly stats pointing out that the citations were down but incidents were steady. Chief Balam reported that Officer Gary Denham's last day was June 15, 2008 and that he was happy to report that Ty Sheehan is back on the Twisp force as of June 30, 2008. As a side note Balam reported that Ty and Jessica just welcomed a new baby girl into their family.

### **Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent**

Not present.

### **Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer**

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported briefly on the meeting she, Mayor Nations, Superintendent McConnell, Attorney Scott DeTro and RH2 Engineer Rep. Don Popoff had attended earlier in the day regarding the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) pending water rights acquisition and the current irrigation lease. Storms reported that the Department of Ecology (DOE) had reservations regarding our loss and unaccounted for water totals, but that the process was going to continue. The next step will be a meeting between the Department of Health (DOH) and the DOE.

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported that at the next meeting the Council would receive the 6-month financial statements for review and discussion.

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported that the Public Works Committee consisting of Council Members Estes and Hallowell met with Superintendent McConnell and have started an inventory of our capital facilities. Storms also reported that six application packets for the Public Works Superintendent job have gone out and one has been received back.

### **Keith Comstock, Fire Chief**

Fire Chief Comstock relayed that on two separate occasions the driveway to the Fire Hall had been blocked off by the contractors working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Comstock stated that Superintendent McConnell and County Fire Chief Waller had both witnessed it. Comstock requested that at least 10-12 feet of the driveway be passable at all times for the fire trucks. Clerk/Treasurer Storms shared that there was going to be a construction meeting on July 9, 2008 at 9:00 am and that she would pass on that information.

Fire Chief Comstock reported that over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend everything went well and that the department was on standby at the airport for the annual Fly-In Breakfast.

### **Town Planner Don Willson**

Town Planner Willson reported that he was current on all of the land use applications that came in after the moratorium was lifted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Building Inspector Dave Sandoz provided the Council with a document showing an overview of his work since September 2007. His report included: September 2007 Status as I Took Over; Current Atmosphere Among Owners and Contractors; Background and Certification Milestones; Revenue and Costs Since September 2007; Permit Volume and Type; Challenges; Things Not Getting Done with 8 Hours per Week Committed to Building Inspection; Goals for Next Twelve Months and Conclusion and Suggestions.

Council Member DeRenzo questioned if people are getting fined for not having a building permit. Sandoz shared that he would rather work with people to bring them into compliance than fine them. Council Member DeRenzo disagreed with that approach and shared that if a few people were to get a fine it would get out to the community that they need a permit. Sandoz felt education regarding the permit process is helpful and he stated he contributed to an article in the 2008 Building Guide.

**Action: Clerk/Treasurer Storms will bring to Council an accounting for the possible increase of hours for the Building Inspector.**

#### **PLANNING UPDATE – DISCUSSION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS**

Town Planner Willson read aloud a letter from Traci Day, the Planning Commission Chairman regarding the draft Public Facility and Services Element and Economic Development Element.

Willson provided an overview of the Public Facility and Services Element, which outlines public property and their current conditions. Council Member Gehring mentioned a few of his concerns/suggestion to this element: Solid Waste – Clean and green composting being a sag way to air quality; including mention of the Public Development Authority (PDA); and water rights acquisition, aquifer storage/recharge system and engineer solutions.

Willson requested that Council Member Gehring write a section for the PDA and submit it to the Planning Commission.

Willson went over the Economic Development Element goals, objectives and action plan. Council Member Gehring had several comments and asked if he could meet with Willson and or the Planning Commission to go over his comments.

**Action: It was decided that all Council members could submit their suggestions to Town Hall by the following Monday and the Clerk's office would put those comments into a format for Council's review at the next meeting.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF SR 20 AND AVIATION LANE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

Council briefly discussed the original purpose for annexing in a portion of SR 20 out to Aviation Lane. Clerk/Treasurer Storms suggested waiting until the July 22, 2008 Council meeting when Mayor Nations could be present as this issue has been something he's worked on. Council agreed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council Member DeRenzo asked who was responsible for weed control in the alleys; Superintendent McConnell will be asked.

**Action: Ask Superintendent McConnell who does weed control in the alleys.**

Council Member Gehring reported that the Forest Service plans to hold a real estate agent only open house at the Forest Service Complex on Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and public open houses on August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Gehring mentioned that the SALE process could be held up if the Phase I and II environmental inspections turn up something that must be addressed prior to the sale of the property.

Council Member Gehring reported that he and Council Member Hallowell had attended both the Arts Fest on July 4, 2008 as well as the Farmers Market on July 5, 2008 to promote and educate people about the sale of the Forest Service Complex. Council Member Gehring stated that they had positive feedback and interest by some to serve on the Public Development Authority board.

**ROUTINE APPROVALS**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Town Council.

The following voucher/checks are approved for payment by a majority vote on this 8th day of July, 2008:

Cashmere Valley			
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<b>Bank</b>	<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,254.99</b>	<b>07/01/08</b>
<b>Vouchers/Checks</b>	<b>#25462</b>	<b>\$98.00</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>Vouchers/Checks</b>	<b>#25463 - #25467</b>	<b>\$20,802.84</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>FP Francotyp- Postalia Inc.</b>	<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>#11868 - # 11897</b>	<b>\$21,683.72</b>	<b>07/02/08</b>
<b>Vouchers/Checks</b>	<b>#25468 – 25501</b>	<b>\$30,031.19</b>	<b>07/08/08</b>

**MOTION:**

Council Member Hallowell moved to approve the current accounts payable and current payroll and benefits and to disburse payment. The motion was seconded by Council Member DeRenzo and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Gehring moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Vern Nations**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms**