

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes
07-25-2006
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Vern Nations -- Adjourned at 9:55 PM

Council Members Present:

Jackie Moriarty
Clint Estes
Stephanie Hickman
Sam Hanan
Mayor Vern Nations

Staff:

Colleen Storms
Gary McConnell
Dale Hutson

Council members absent: Shari Brown

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Addition: Old Business: Seasonal rates- water users
Noise in park

Council Member Hanan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Minutes:

Passed: Council Member Moriarty moved and Council Member Hickman seconded that the minutes of the July 11th Regular Council meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nation's Update to Council:

➤ He attended the Airport Board meeting earlier in the week and had a discussion regarding Aviation Lane. Paul Christen will have the information to the Town and have the land for the road deeded over by September 15, 2006. He also said the Airport Board will put together an accounting of all the capital monies they have put into the airport to date, and get it updated with the Town regularly for us to track expenditures. Sam Hanan responded that he still thinks we need to look into the hanger lease costs, but the Mayor said the Airport Board feels they are contributing to the capital improvement in lieu of increased lease rates. For example, they've just completed \$6,000 of work installing irrigation. Clint Estes, who also attended the Airport meeting, said Paul a couple of years ago had surveyed other airports and our rate was comparable. He said it would be good to survey other airports with comparable amenities, since we don't have water or sewer, and revisit the Town's cost of upkeep, then perhaps discuss this again with their board. He also said that they wanted the used cyclone fence that had been identified previously as surplus. However, Council Member Hickman said she recalled this fencing was promised to public works. After discussion it was agreed that public works needs the fencing and Clint or Vern will pass this on to the Airport Board.

- The Mayor told Council that the new chlorinator equipment at the pool is up and running and seems to be saving public works staff time running to pool.

Department Heads:

Gary McConnell, Public Works Superintendent

- He got about 41 yards of cold mix and has been using it to patch around town.

Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer

- She presented six-month financial statements by fund to the Council and expanded on the report with comments about the performance of each fund; Council acknowledged receipt and appreciation for the verbal report regarding the Town's position.
- The Clerk will be bringing back a comparison of current expenses to budget in preparation for a budget revision.

Old Business:

- Regarding the Town's membership in the Okanogan Conservation District, Resolution 388 was presented which petitions the District for the withdrawal of the Town of Twisp. Sam Hanan moved that the Town adopt Resolution 388, Clint Estes seconded the motion; motion was passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 561 Animal Control Ordinance replacing the pre-existing ordinances.
 - There was extensive discussion regarding the effects of the new ordinance, especially the language regarding what control of the dog meant, and the language regarding dangerous dogs.
 - Some members of the public offered opinions as well: Mrs. Timbers who owns the trailer park suggested the type of control be stated as either voice or physical control. Dwight Filer suggested the Council consider banning pitbull type dogs and possibly other breeds.
 - There was a long discussion regarding whether the Town could put certain breeds on the potentially dangerous list and require the increased level of physical control.
 - Council decided to postpone action on this ordinance to the next meeting.
 - **ACTION:** Clerk Storms will look up information regarding various breeds that may account for the most injury bites and bring this back to Council next meeting.
- Ongoing Water Rights Work- Update on Basin Planning Unit by Sam Hanan
 - The County reminded the Planning Unit that the three initiating governments had the responsibility to determine what form of government would be used for the Implementation Phase. The County is working with Sam to set up a meeting to determine this.
 - Sam presented a copy of a draft letter to the governor the Unit had started and proposed bylaws for the new group as envisioned by the Planning Unit.
 - Sam also presented information regarding a grant the Planning Unit has applied for that will pay for administrative and secretarial services of the lead agency. He suggested Twisp might be interested in being a lead agency as the County was not sold on doing it.

- o Rusty Post from the DOE explained that the planning unit was looking at becoming a watershed council instead of a district, but the details regarding how the council should be formed were not included in the enabling regulations. The advantage of a council was a smaller membership, which could aid implementation of the approved plan. He also explained what the scope of the work is that has to be accomplished this next year. He estimated it would take one year to determine what rule changes will be requested and another year to year and a half to have them approved by the State.
- o The Planning Unit has asked the Town, County and MVID to agree on the composition and structure of the new group and come back to the Planning Unit with this information. The next Planning Unit meeting is scheduled for August 9th. Sam will be pursuing a meeting with the County and MVID.

New Business:

- Dwight Filer, representative of the Tree Board, addressed the Council regarding the trees at the Community Center.
 - o He said the three existing trees are on the Town’s right-of-way.
 - o He said the Tree Board would like to save all three trees, especially for their shade during events at the Community Center, but the two locust trees are beyond improvement.
 - o The Tree Board is recommending they work with the PUD to prune the maple and keep it in place, then remove the black locusts and replace them with better trees for the area.
 - o The Council agreed with the proposal.

Public Comment - None

Routine Approvals:

The bills and previous payroll benefits and taxes were briefly discussed. Motion to approve the current payment of accounts payable was made by Jackie Moriarty, seconded by Stephanie Hickman and passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the past payment of payroll and taxes and benefits was made by Clint Estes, seconded by Sam Hanan and passed. Moriarty abstained.

Motion by Clint Estes to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Sam Hanan; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Attest: _____

Clerk/Treasurer Colleen Storms

Mayor Vern Nations