

**Town of Twisp  
Council Minutes 09/22/09  
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Pro-Tem Estes.

Council Members Present: Tom Gehring  
Vicki Hollowell  
Tom Mulgrew  
Tina di Rienzo

Council members absent: Mayor Hickman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Mulgrew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS &/OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Additions: Farmers Market Parking – New Business – Council Member Gehring

Changes: None

**PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN**

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm to discuss the Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan update. Clerk/Treasurer Storms reviewed the proposed plan with Council pointing out the additions requested by staff and Council Members as well as the items that have been completed or are in the process of being completed. John Lomison asked if road repairs could be handled through grants and, if so, was there an unlimited amount of money available. Clerk/Treasurer Storms shared that grants are only available generally for arterial streets, not residential streets.

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes closed the public hearing at 7:18 pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the September 8, 2009 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hollowell and passed unanimously.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Not present.

### **Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent**

Public Works Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

#### Sewer:

- Treatment plant diffuser issue – letter sent to agencies
- Lightning strike issues at the treatment plant – working with engineers and electricians
- Chemical Oxygen Demand testing – waiting for equipment
- WWTP Operator KC Moriarty will be taking his Level 2 operator's test on September 21, 2009.

#### Water:

- Update on Hilltop Booster Station project, telemetry for small reservoir and electrical.

#### Parks:

- The gazebo repair in the park was completed and looks good.

#### Pool:

- Will pursue finding the leak at the pool.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported on the following:

- Code Enforcement stats; showing dogs as a particularly challenging issue.
- The status of several grants, funding requests and related paperwork.
- Working on the Mayor's budget and budget calendar.
- Planning attendance to the Washington Finance Officers' Association 2-day training.

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

Not present – attending fire training.

### **Sarah Schrock, Town Planner**

Not present.

### **Public Development Authority Update**

Maggie Coon, Co-Executive Director of the PDA was present to report the following:

- Successful work day/clean up at the complex.
- Their office is set up.
- A sign made by Bruce Morrison will soon be in place.

- The board is taking their time in naming the complex.
- Mike McHugh is volunteering his time to locate and fix water leaks.
- Advertising to hire an Office/Site Manager.
- Cleanup and rental of houses
- PDA board meeting on October 12, 2009 to discuss master planning; best use for buildings/space.
- Discussed forming teams of volunteers; each team being in charge of researching and discussing one element of the master plan/theme.
- Open house tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2009.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DAN DORAN SEWER CONNECTION ISSUE**

Dan and Chris Doran were present to discuss placing a septic system on a lot they recently purchased on May Street from developer Paul Christen. Mr. Doran explained to Council the sewer line was over 200 feet from his property and that he could not gravity feed into the line given the elevation of his house on his building plans. Mr. Christen was present to support Mr. Doran in his request. Mr. Christen shared his interpretation of the Town ordinance regarding sewer connection and asked Council to abide by it's ordinance.

The Council considered the omission on the part of staff when approving the short plat in that they did not determine the location of the sewer line to the property. Clerk/Treasurer Storms reminded Council if they allowed a septic system now, our ordinances made it clear that Mr. and Mrs. Doran would be required to hookup to the town sewer system if it came within 200 feet of their property in the future.

The Council decided to defer the issue to the Public Works Committee working with staff including Council Members Hallowell and Mulgrew, along with staff members Superintendent Johnson, Planner Schrock and Building Inspector Sandoz. The Council agreed to have this group meet along with Mr. and Mrs. Doran soon to get a resolution to this issue.

Mr. Doran asked to go on record stating if sewer became available he would hookup to the town sewer system.

**Action: Staff will set up meeting.**

### **METHOW VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT EASEMENT – HILLTOP PROJECT**

Superintendent Johnson reported the Methow Valley Irrigation District is currently installing the new irrigation lines on Bigelow Street. Clerk/Treasurer Storms discussed the easement presented to Council, reporting it had been reviewed by our attorney.

#### **MOTION:**

Council Member Hallowell moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Methow Valley Irrigation District easement. The motion was seconded by Council Member di Rienzo and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TWISP MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ASSIGN AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Estes and Council Member Hollowell discussed with Council the meeting they had that led to the drafting of the Consent & Agreement to Sublease Airport Hangar lease. Council Member Hollowell explained the stipulations of sub-leasing at the airport: 1) The hangar and paving must be complete; 2) sub-lessee has to comply with all regulations in the original lease; and 3) a processing fee must be paid. Council agreed upon imposing a one time \$150 processing fee for allowing a sublease.

#### **MOTION:**

Council Member di Rienzo moved to approve the Twisp Municipal Airport Consent & Agreement to Sublease with a one time \$150 processing fee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hollowell and passed unanimously.

### **TOWN DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE JAIL FEES**

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported the Towns/Cities Jail Fee Consortium is currently negotiating for 2010 jail fees and we need someone to represent Twisp at those meetings. Council Member di Rienzo volunteered to represent the Town as long as either the Police Chief or Clerk/Treasurer could accompany her to the meetings.

#### **MOTION:**

Council Member di Rienzo moved to appoint herself to represent Twisp at the Jail Fee Consortium negotiations provided the Police Chief or Clerk/Treasurer could accompany her to the meetings. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed. Council Member Hollowell abstained from voting.

### **PARK USE – FLAG DISPLAY**

Admin. Asst. Moriarty shared with Council a request from Blue Bradley, a local midwife requesting permission to hang a flag announcing a birth (boy or girl and weight only) of babies born in the valley. Ms. Bradley asked to hang a bracket off of the utility pole in the Bell Park at the end of Glover Street. Council Member di Rienzo was against the idea stating the announcement could be in the newspaper or private property could be utilized for the flags. Council Member Hollowell reminded Council the Bell Park was a dedication to firefighters and it may not be the best place for the flags. Council felt that a birth of a child should be a celebration, but the Bell Park was not the place to hang the flags.

### **FARMER'S MARKET PARKING**

Council Member Gehring shared with Council his concern over the parking issue created by the Farmer's Market. As a solution, Gehring suggested directing parking to Lincoln Street and Gehring suggested a loading/unloading zone be provided adjacent to the Market off of Highway 20; it was suggested to use the dirt road North of the Commons Park. It was suggested to approach the coordinator of the Farmer's Market about putting out a sandwich board to re-direct traffic. Council Member Gehring volunteered to speak with Chief Balam and the Farmer's Market Coordinator and report back at an upcoming Council Meeting.

**Action: Council Member Gehring will contact the Farmer's Market Coordinator and Rick Balam for further discussion at a future meeting.**

**MAYORAL CANDIDATES DEBATE**

An announcement was made that a mayoral candidates debate was going to be held at the Grange on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2009:

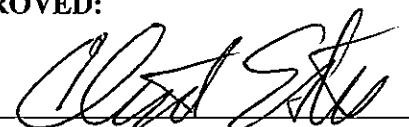
Checks/Vouchers	#26732 - #26759	\$151,116.67	09/22/09
USDA	ACH	683.00	09/28/09

**MOTION:**


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

There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member Mulgrew moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem Clint Estes

**ATTEST:**

  
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Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms