

Town of Twisp Council Minutes
9/27/05 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones -- Adjourned at 8:55 PM
Council members absent: Council Member Schmekel

Request for additions or changes:

Change:

Addition: Upon his arrival--Chad Surface: Fire Dept/Town Council representative to represent the Town at Fire District 6 Commissioner meetings. (New Business)

Council Member Koptonak led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones noted for the benefit of those citizens the changes in the agenda format and noted that the meeting will be concluded at 9:00 pm sharp. Any items not addressed, will be continued until the next Council meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as amended. Motion made by Council Member Koptonak and 2nd by Brown. Passed unanimously.

The bills and previous payroll were briefly discussed. Motion to approve the current bills and disburse payment (subject to the availability of funds) and approve the current/past payroll was made by Council Member Koptonak and 2nd by Brown. Passed unanimously.
(See attached back up for more detail)

Mayor Jones acknowledged Chad Surface as the new Twisp Fire Chief.

- Chad noted that he would like to have someone appointed on behalf of the Council to attend a few upcoming Fire District Commissioner meetings regarding the possibility of the TOWN OF TWISP being annexed into Fire District 6.
 - Following some discussion and later on in the meeting, Council Member Bushnell volunteered to fill this request.
 - Chad noted that Mr. Bushnell could feel free to contact Fire District Chief, Don Waller, in advance to be brought up to speed on the possible annexation prior to the upcoming meeting on October 12th at 7:00 pm. Location: Twisp Fire Hall
 - Possibility of getting the annexation onto the ballot in early spring of 2006

New Business:

- Designation of representative to represent the Town in the case of a disaster
 - Following some minor discussion, it was determined that the Mayor would continue in this role
 - She had attended the last meeting regarding specifically hazardous materials and volunteered to remain on the committee going forward
 - Motion made by Council Member Koptonak to have Mayor Jones act as the Town's representative on the Disaster

Committee. 2nd by Council Member Bushnell. Passed unanimously

- Aviation Lane and WSDOT issue – Paul Wagner
 - Airport Mgr. Paul Wagner presented to Council copies of email correspondence with Mr. Wm. Gould from WSDOT regarding the possible annexation of Hwy 20 out to Aviation Lane
 - In order for Aviation Lane to be paved via the grant monies received from the County Infrastructure Funds, WSDOT has to give approval to have the paved right of way entering Hwy 20
 - There is an issue with the distance between Aviation Lane and the current paved access from Hwy 20, Ayers Road.
 - Needs to be more than .5 miles and it is only 880’
 - Mr. Gould had shown two possible options for the Town in order to be able to complete the paving project
 - Gary McConnell, PW Supt. gave his input as to what extra work would be incurred by them, should the annexation take place
 - Answer: No real change for them.
 - Following discussion between Council and Mr. Wagner, Mr. Wagner asked for Council to initiate a resolution declaring that the Town would proceed with the annexation to just past Aviation Lane.
 - Motion was made Council Member Brown that at this point in time, Paul should just continue to press on and find out what would be have to be done (the process) to annex Hwy 20 out to or just beyond Aviation Lane. 2nd by Council Member Bushnell. Passed unanimously
 - **ACTION**: Paul to put information in Council Members boxes prior to the next Council meeting
- Ordinance No 542: Change in Planning Commission Meeting Dates
 - Ordinance No. 542 will repeal Ord. No. 440.
 - Main change in the ordinance is the changing of the meeting times to coincide with Council and be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
 - After some minor discussion, Council Member Bushnell made a motion to accept and pass Ord. #542. It was 2nd by Council member Brown and passed unanimously.
- Ordinance No 543:
 - Town Clerk explained that this ordinance deals with the purchasing of the open line of credit we currently have with North Cascades National Bank. Even though we were going to re-write the contract with them, they could only give us a variable rate. The Town needs a fixed interest rate. The rate with NCNB has already increased to over 9%.
 - This ordinance will pay off the line of credit at NCNB and move the outstanding debt to Cashmere Valley Bank. They are offering us a fixed rate of 3.3% over the next ten years.
 - Should save the Town thousands of dollars over the years to come and will assist with our cash flow process
 - Following some discussion, Council Member Koptonak made a motion to accept and pass Ord #543. 2nd by Bushnell.
 - Passed with a majority vote. Council Member Hickman voted no.

Old Business:

- 6th Avenue Implementation Input – Gary McConnell
 - Gary reported on what input he has received from some of the people living in that area. Their input was anonymous.
 - The majority of the input he received seem unfavorable to putting in 6th Ave as a viable street
 - **ACTION:** Public Hearing on this subject on Oct 11th at 6 PM
 - Council Member Hickman asked if she would be able to fill out one of the surveys since she lives in the area
 - Yes, because that input is anonymous
 - Council Member Koptonak asked Gary if there would be anything special that would impact the Town should they vote to move forward
 - Mr. McConnell noted that if he has the directive and the Town has the funds to do so, he will make it happen
- Cascade Pipe Lease of Town property
 - Council Member Koptonak reported on her recent conversation with Mr. Palm.
 - His counter offer was \$150/mo
 - **ACTION:** Following some discussion, Council asked Sue to go back to Mr. Palm and negotiate with him further with some additional caveats of considering his offer with some conditions
 - Hwy aesthetic buffer, gating off specific area, etc.
- Public Restroom Cleaning Bid Update: Mr. and Mrs. Hutson agreed to the proposal to clean 2-days a week on a regular basis (Effective Oct 1, 2005)
 - PW to check them daily and change toilet paper, add soap, flush toilets as needed, but if dirty to contact Janie or Barb and they will have the Hutson's come and clean that day.
 - Additionally, if over a Holiday weekend, the Hutson's would clean each day of that weekend and bill us accordingly
 - **ACTION:** Mayor Jones to talk to public works and notify them of what is expected of them on a daily basis
 - Council Member Koptonak asked if we needed a contract/agreement for their services
 - Clerk noted that she did not think so, but we could draw up a letter of agreement for our files. Council felt that would be a good idea.
ACTION: Clerk to draw up a basic contract and show it to Council at the next meeting
- Oct 11th Council Meeting
 - Council Member Koptonak will be able to act as Mayor ProTem for this meeting in place of Mayor Jones who has another commitment that evening
 - Additionally, Clerk Dale will not be able to attend and her Deputy Clerk, Janie Surface will be filling in
 - Will have a public hearing as noted above at 6:00 PM and Janie will cover that as well
- Officer Rodriguez attended the meeting as a representative of the Sheriff's Dept to answer any concerns the Council may have to take back to Sheriff Rogers

- There were really no areas of concern with the exception of looking forward to having 3 full-time Twisp officers to assist with ticket writing to help fund the municipal court
- Mayor Jones and Council thanked him for the increased visibility over the past few weeks. It has been noticed and is appreciated
- Mayor Jones commented on the death of one of the elders of the Pow Wow's wives
 - Georgia Iukes

Public Comments:

- Les Stokes: Read a letter he had written to Town Council regarding the records request he had made a few months ago
 - Regarding EMS fund usage
 - Would like response back to him by the end of the month
- Jackie Moriarty: Wanted to discuss the Aviation Lane annexation
 - Concerned that we will not have time to utilize the funds in a timely manner and could lose them
 - Clerk assured her, the paperwork was in order and we have until Dec to complete the project
 - Was also concerned about the Council making decisions for the Town without getting input from the audience
 - Rose explained as best she could the reasons why we only allow the public to speak during the public comment period
- Mark Edson: Capital Project Committee Update:
 - Gave Council an update on how the committee was progressing
 - Meet with the Fire Dept last meeting
 - Asked that the Clerk attend the meeting on Oct 6th if possible at 7:00 PM
 - Took questions from Council and the Mayor and some discussion followed

Mayor's Update:

- Council Member Bushnell thanked the Mayor for the rocks being put as a barrier protecting the well house on Lincoln St.
 - No longer being utilized for parking within the 100' space
 - Would like to see signage now as a next step

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Brown and 2nd by Koptonak. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Attest: _____

Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

Mayor Rosemary Jones