

**Town of Twisp  
Twisp Town Council  
10-11-2005 7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak -- Adjourned at 7:54 PM  
Council members present: Koptonak, Bushnell, Hickman & Brown  
Council members absent: Schmekel

Request for additions or changes:

Changes: Terry Larson will not give a presentation tonight

Additions:

Council Member Brown led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as amended. Motion made by Council Member Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bushnell. 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 to approve the current/past payroll was made by Council Member Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Koptonak. Passed unanimously.

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**Old Business:**

- Annexation Process – Aviation Lane - Input Jeff Thomas & Paul Wagner
  - Paul would like approval of Council to give a Notice of Intent to DOT for the Town to annex Aviation Lane
  - Jeff reported Paul had gotten a grant for putting a hard surface on Aviation Ln.
  - DOT regulates ingress and egress to Hwy 20
  - Aviation Lane would be commercial use & it is too close to Kelly Rd. to be allowed as another access road by the DOT onto that stretch of highway
  - Annexation by the Town of Aviation Lane would give the Town authority to grant permits for ingress and egress
    - 1. Annexation: By petition of property owners
    - 2. Annexation: By municipality as deems necessary for growth
    - 3. Annexation: Not to start annexation process now but file Notice of Intent with DOT to start the annexation process within a year
    - Comprehensive Plan contains language about growth at the airport
  - Council Member Bushnell asked if the Town annexed Aviation Lane would we be responsible for utilities to surrounding properties?
    - Jeff stated that surrounding county residents would still be under the authority of the County
  - Council Member Koptonak asked what happens if after the Notice of Intent is given the Town does not annex Aviation Lane?
    - Town would then be in conflict with DOT
  - Another option would be to ask DOT to declassify the highway
    - Allowed speed in that area would be lowered to 45 mph
    - Would only need 500' between public accesses if declassified

- Council Member Koptonak asked if we annex the lane does that imply we will have to annex the surrounding properties if so requested?
    - Jeff noted that requests for annexation could be more of a possibility because of the Town's proposed annexation of the lane
  - Another option would be to not take any action and the Town would have to spend the grant monies as best he could before the funding time expired at the end of 2005
  - **ACTION**: Consensus of the Council to go forward with Notice of Intent
- Cascade Pipe Lease Update
    - Council Member Koptonak noted that Jerry Palm is interested in a lower lease payment than the Council requested
      - **ACTION**: Will come to Council with a proposal to negotiate for lower lease payment by meeting specific requirements previously outlined by Council
- Public Restroom Agreement
    - Jim & Jane Hutson signed the agreement to clean public restrooms at Merc Playhouse
    - P.W. staff has responsibility at restrooms also
    - **ACTION**: Council has given Mayor approval to sign the agreement
- Cashmere Valley Loan Update
    - Papers are signed & new payment schedule starts in November
    - New payment is \$1254.99 per month
    - North Cascades National Bank variable interest rate at termination of loan was 14.25%. Interest rate with Cashmere is fixed at 4.3% for 10 years.
    - The majority of the loan is to pay our portion of the new fire truck and the lesser to pay police vehicles and water slide

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**Public Comments:**

- Sam Hanan: Feels like the Council is being held hostage to the airport grant by the pressure of time restraints and weather

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**Mayor's Update:**

- Finance Committee met with Acting and Assisting Fire Chiefs to work on 2006 budget
  - Productive meeting
- Talked to Municipal Court Judge Ebenger
  - **ACTION**: Judge is willing to accept \$150 per month instead of his normal \$300 per month
    - During this time when we do not have our 3 Twisp police officers to generate ticket revenue

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Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hickman. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

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Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak