

**Town of Twisp
Twisp Town Council
Public Hearing 6th Ave. Improvements
10-11-2005 6:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak -- Adjourned at 6:49 PM
Council members present: Koptonak, Bushnell, Hickman & Brown
Council members absent: Schmekel

Public Comments:

Pat Ebbert, 627 Bridge St.

- Does not care either way if 6th Ave. between Bridge & Alder is developed
- Does not want right-of-way vacated
- Does not feel George Dwinell's vehicles should park on the Town right-of-way

Council Member Bushnell

- Asked why the residents of Bridge St. have not complained about vehicles on the right-of-way more frequently
- Ms. Ebbert stated that she has complained to Mayor Jones
 - **Action Taken: Some vehicles were removed**
- Told by a real estate agent that excessive Dwinell vehicles on Bridge St. devalues her home by \$20,000
- Wants the vehicles off the street

Sam Hanan, 602 5th St.

- Entered a map into the record describing the neighborhood nearest 6th Ave.
- Fred Cooley will eventually develop property on Alder & add more traffic to the area
- 6th Ave. should have been developed when Bridge St. was made a dead-end on the south end

Chuck Casey, 518 Bridge St.

- Why spend the money
- Doesn't see traffic congestion
- Not wanting a neighbor to get the property is not a reason to build a road

Vern Nations, 603 5th Ave.

- Traffic has increased since the south bridge went in and Bridge St. became a dead-end street
- 6th Ave. would cut down on traffic on 5th Ave.

Charlene Thew, 606 Bridge St.

- Dwinell vehicles cause a big mess on Bridge St.
- If there was a 6th Ave. it would use that for parking on the right-of-way

- Parking at a diagonal slant puts Dwinell vehicles in the right-of-way
- Approx. 25 vehicles on Dwinell property and the right-of-way
- An ordinance should be passed to limit number of vehicles on a lot
- Do not vacate

Rosalie Hutson, 614 Bridge St.

- Should spend the money on the streets that we currently have
- The road would be a nuisance
- Dwinells use Hutson driveway for a turn-a-round
- Snow plowing is an issue with Dwinell's vehicles
- Needs to be an ordinance passed to get vehicles off the right-of-way
- Thank you for the Bridge St. clean-up: garbage and pig are gone

Fred Cooley, 302 Alder St.

- Letter read into the record by Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak
- Supports effort to construct 6th Ave. between Bridge and Alder St.

Tom Leuschen, 614 Alder St.

- Verbal comments to Council Member Bushnell
- Would not want to develop 6th Ave. to have it used for parking lot in the right-of-way
- 6th Ave. property needs to be reclaimed as public domain
- There is a barb wire fence on the 6th Ave. property
- Does not care either way if a street is constructed there

Pat Ebbert, 627 Bridge St.

- Probably has been an increase in traffic on 5th Ave.
- Does not want the property vacated because she understands the first option to buy the property would go to the adjoining neighbors
- Again, approx. 25 vehicles parked on Bridge St. at the Dwinell properties
- Dwinell fire trucks are part of a business and Bridge St. is a residential district

Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak

- Does passing any kind of ordinance include the grandfathering of pre-existing issues?
 - **Action Needed:** Ask DeTro

Council Member Bushnell

- Legal action (nuisance ordinance) could be the avenue to get derelict vehicles moved
- Blocking the right-of-way should be a nuisance

Rosalie Hutson, 614 Bridge St.

- Should blocking the right-of-way be a Town problem

Sam Hanan, 602 5th Ave.

- The map he introduced at beginning of the hearing was to paint a picture of 6th Ave. and adjoining properties
- Thinking of the future and wants 6th Ave. constructed

Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak

- If 6th Ave. is not developed, that does not mean that it will be vacated

Vern Nations, 603 5th Ave.

- If the Town reclaims the 6th Ave. right-of-way, will the Town continue the watering and mowing that a private citizen is doing there now
- If 6th Ave. is constructed, could an ordinance state there will be no parking on the right-of-way
- Was told by Clerk Dale there are grants for road construction

Chuck Casey, 518 Bridge St.

- Still does not feel there is congestion problem
- Grants for construction do not cover long term maintenance

Charlene Thew, 606 Bridge St.

- Developing 6th Ave. would mean more stop signs

Council Member Hickman, 503 Alder

- Lower Bridge St. residents do not see congestion that 5th Ave. and Webb Lane residents see
- Feels the traffic has tripled

Public hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

Clerk – Barbara G. Dale

Mayor Pro-tem Koptonak