

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes 12/08/09
7:00 PM**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Mayor Hickman.

Council Members Present: Clint Estes
 Tom Gehring
 Vicki Hallowell
 Tina di Rienzo
 Tom Mulgrew

Council members absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member di Rienzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Hickman swore in Tom Mulgrew to Council Member position #3; a position he was previously appointed to and now has been elected to for the next two years.

Mayor Hickman swore in William A. Boosman to the position of Mayor; Boosman will fill the unexpired term of two years left when Vern Nations resigned his position in 2008. Mayor Hickman had been appointed to the position of Mayor for a period of one year until an election was held.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS &/OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Additions: Resolution #09-445 – Date revision

Changes:

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

MOTION:

Council Member Hallowell moved to approve the November 24, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Rick Balam, Police Chief

Chief Balam reported on the following:

- Statistics for department work; it has definitely been slowing down
- They solved the Ulrich's burglary and made two arrests
- He introduced Rob Hall, applicant for police chief for the Town who was visiting from Virginia

Randy Johnson, Public Works Superintendent

Public Works Superintendent Johnson reported on the following:

- Will be starting up the booster pumps on the Hilltop project
- The source meters are being installed in the two wells; they provided new shut-off valves for each line leaving the well which will be much easier to work with
- He shared pictures of the work completed

Colleen Storms, Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk/Treasurer Storms reported on the following:

- Both the Glover Street improvement and the Hilltop Booster Station appear to be within budget as completion is nearing on both
- The steel for Bernie Hosey's sign artwork was ordered and we should be seeing progress on that soon
- She's continuing the work to establish the roles and tasks for each partner to the Centennial Grant work funded by DOE to improve water quality and salmonid habitat in the Methow
- She encouraged the Council to look at information the Town received regarding the Governor's proposed budget reductions; it looked like there could be impacts to the cities from the State's budget crisis as well as the County budget crisis

Keith Comstock, Fire Chief

Not present

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #613 – 2010 FINAL BUDGET

Clerk/Treasurer Storms brought the Council's attention to the final draft of the budget that modified slightly the expenditures because of receiving more information about insurance increases. She also pointed out that the latest estimate for where fund balances would be at year-end 2009 was slightly improved over the original estimate. She said the savings was coming from the departments holding down spending and a couple of small changes to revenues from grants. She asked the Council if they had questions regarding any of the budget presentation. Council Member Estes asked about police expenses and the jail and court costs. Storms showed

them where those amounts were budgeted and that the amounts in the 2010 budget reflected a payment schedule with the County that we have not yet finalized with them.

The Mayor then addressed the recommendation of increases to water (3%) and sewer (5%) rates. He said that it was the Town's responsibility to set aside appropriate reserves, pay the costs of operations and debt service and that it appeared there was no way to avoid increases at this time. He said he was aware that some of the debt would be paid off in another 2-3 years, which would offer some relief at that time and that was hopeful. After additional discussion, the Council agreed they were prepared to pass the budget.

MOTION:

Council Member DiRienzo moved to approve Ordinance #613 adopting the 2010 final budget for the Town of Twisp. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #09-445 – DATE REVISION

Mayor Boosman and Clerk/Treasurer Storms explained to the Council that after meeting with EMS Director Cindy Button, the consensus was that it would be preferable to run the EMS levy on the ballot at the same time as the Methow Valley School District levy, in April. It would minimize the election costs to each government and help ensure voter turn-out that is required for passage.

MOTION:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve Resolution #09-445 revising the date for when the Emergency Medical Services levy will be held from February to April. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mulgrew and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #612 – USDA BOND – HILLTOP BOOSTER STATION PROJECT

Clerk/Treasurer Storms presented the documents authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to provide permanent financing for the Hilltop Booster Station. The documents were prepared by the Town's bond counsel Foster, Pepper & Shefelman.

MOTION:

Council Member Estes moved to approve Ordinance #612 authorizing USDA bond financing for the Hilltop Booster Station Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member di Rienzo and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION #09-452 – PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

Clerk/Treasurer Storms presented a Resolution provided by the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative wherein the Town could continue its membership in the cooperative for two more years. The rate for a town the size of Twisp is \$400 for the two years. Storms explained and Police Chief Balam agreed that they had saved several thousand dollars on one vehicle purchase, so they both felt that membership had real value for the Town. The Council asked what types of

items could be purchased through the cooperative and staff explained that there were all sorts of materials, services and even equipment rental contracts on the State list.

MOTION:

Council Member Hallowell moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement for the Town’s participation in purchasing equipment, services and supplies off of Washington State contracts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM – AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Storms presented an amendment to the existing interlocal agreement with Okanogan County for the purpose of decreasing the total amount that Twisp could receive to reimburse them for participating in the shoreline master program update. She explained that the County had not met all of the goals and timeline of the DOE grant and was receiving a reduction in the amount they were receiving, which they were passing through to partner cities. After discussion about the possibility this process would get back on track with the budget issues facing the County, the Council agreed to take action.

MOTION:

Council Member di Rienzo moved to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Okanogan County regarding the Shoreline Master Program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

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 8th day of December, 2009:

Checks/Vouchers	#26926 - #26930	\$4,432.73	11/30/09
AWC	ACH	\$9,071.03	
NCNB	ACH	\$8,996.23	
Payroll	#12316 - #12337	\$20,838.03	12/01/09
Cashmere Valley Bank	ACH	\$1,254.99	12/01/09
Checks/Vouchers	#26931 - #26967	\$59,369.66	12/08/09
Checks/Vouchers	#26968 – 26974	\$6,900.00	12/15/09

MOTION:

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

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the current payroll and benefits and to disburse payment. The motion was seconded by Council Member di Rienzo and passed. Council Member Hallowell abstained from voting.

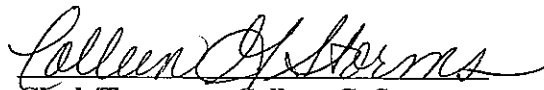
There being no further business to come before the Council, Council Member di Rienzo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hallowell and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor William A. Boosman

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Colleen G. Storms