

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 6/28/22

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Council Members present via phone/video: Mark Easton
Aaron Studen
Alan Caswell
Katrina Auburn
Hans Smith

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Easton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

N/A

Public Hearing: Flea Market – Judy Brezina:

Mayor Ing-Moody opened the Public Hearing at 5:34pm. She asked Council if they would like to provide any comments. Council Member Auburn asked if there was any reason besides the zoning issue that the Flea Market couldn't happen? Planner Danison responded that Temporary Markets are listed as prohibited in the R2 zone which is why it can't happen. Council Member Smith asked Planner Danison to what degree the Council has to override the existing code? Danison said the only way to override the code is to amend it. He said that the Planning Commission would have to be instructed by the Council to amend the code and based on their current workload, it may not happen until sometime next year. The Mayor asked the public if anyone would like to comment. She called on Petitioner Judy Brezina to speak on her appeal request, stating she has the customary 3 minutes. Brezina stated that she has been working really hard for the past 2 years in putting together a Flea Market. She said that she has checked all of the properties in Twisp that would be viable for a market and that most of those properties are owned by the same four men who will not allow her to use them. She said that finding a spot has been hard to do. She was able to find a spot at the Idle a While Motel, but she said the owner had an issue with the Town and his Fill and Grade Permit so it was not possible to hold the market there this year. Planner Danison mentioned that it would be possible for the Planning Commission to review zoning as it relates to Highway 20 frontage within the R2 zone to possible allow some uses. Mayor Ing-Moody reiterated that the way to amend the zoning code is to exercise the process to change it, if so desired. Mayor Ing-Moody closed the Public Hearing at 5:51pm.

Council Member Smith asked if there should be action taken on the appeal. Mayor Ing-Moody said that it is not required but if they would like to take action then they can.

Council Member Studen said that he would like to take Planner Danison's suggestion that the Planning Commission take a look at the zoning code for any commercial frontage in the R2 zone and review if there is a possibility of using those spaces for commercial activity.

Council Member Studen moved to deny the appeal as presented per the Twisp Municipal Code. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and it passed with Council Member Auburn abstaining.

Council Member Studen moved to direct the Planning Commission to complete a diligent review of all zoning areas to allow for Temporary Markets along the Highway 20 frontage and when appropriate to bring back to Council for review. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody said that the moving of Town Hall has been delayed. She deferred conversation of the details for the delay to Director Denham to give an explanation in his Staff Report. She shared that she attended the AWC Conference in Vancouver this past week and that the membership had voted in a few new Directors to the AWC Board. She said that next year's conference will be held in Spokane; she is hopeful that some Twisp Council Members will be able to attend since it will be a lot closer and not require as much time away from work. She shared that the trainings provided to elected officials and municipal staff on city governance is very valuable as is the networking which provides opportunities to share and learn how other towns are providing services; additionally, may state and private agencies and organizations are there to share how they can support city functions.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that the Civic Building should be ready to be turned over to the Town on July 6th. He said the furniture was installed last week so it is moving forward. He said there have been some delays in the AV and Security systems due to a supply shortage and it that some of the infrastructure may not be installed until mid to late July. He said he is also experiencing a delay with the Okanogan County PUD and the fiber getting installed for the internet. He said there is no set date for moving feels pretty strongly that the next Council meeting will not be held in the new building.

He also reported that the WWTP oxidation ditch had a major breakdown but they were able to pull out the mixer and make the repair. He said that they are experiencing high loadings at the treatment plant which has posed significant challenges because it takes up a lot of his time to ensure the town stays in compliance. He said it shows that we are in need of a new WWTP which is in the design stage. He said it will be at least 2 years before we can commission a new treatment plant. He said the Biosolids project is going well as the new equipment is operational. The Lift Station Project is also going well and he is happy with the contractor that is working on it. He also mentioned that the Cascade Loop Project has been awarded and will issue a notice to proceed in the next 45 days. Denham also reported that they will be starting a chip seal project with Okanogan County sometime the first of August. He said he hopes to have that agreement at the next meeting.

Chief Budrow reported that things are going well in the Police Department. He said that the influx of visitors keeps them busy.

Committee, Commission and Board Reports:

Council Member Caswell reported that he attended the Twisp Airport Advisory Board (TAAB) meeting. He said they were asking about the status of the crack sealing project for the runway. He said they drafted a response to the Council regarding the Fuel Depot, which is on the agenda for tonight, and have decided to not take any more action on the Courtesy Car request.

Council Member Caswell also attended the Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the Flood Damage Prevention part of the TMC. He said they will start a 30-day review process and have a public hearing in August. He said that the Shoreline Master Plan survey only got 13 responses. He said they discussed the Intern from Western Washington University that is here to help with the sign code inventory. He also said that the Orchard Hills PD SEPA appeal deadline is today.

Council Member Easton attended the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting on June 16th where they discussed hiring an event planner for each specific event. He reported that the Methow Arts and Creative District is going to be taking over future Art Walks. He said that the business owners have indicated that tourism is picking up and also that the new visitor walking map is available.

Council Member Smith said the Finance Committee met to discuss the Konrad annexation in relation to the sewage treatment upgrades that are needed. He said they will be meeting with the Konrads to discuss the findings and go from there. He said that they own several acres that are within the town limits that can currently be developed with the current code and does not need an annexation, but that they are trying to determine the number of ERU's that would include the annexed portion that would affect the treatment plant.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: TAAB Request for Information – Fuel Depot:

Mayor Ing-Moody said this letter is in response to the recent letters issued by the Facilities Committee to the TAAB. She asked Council Member Smith if he would like some feedback from the rest of Council in answering any of the questions posed by the TAAB, before he takes it to the Facilities Committee. He asked about the first question as it relates to a leased space to put the fuel depot and feels that an existing hangar lease rate should be adequate. He said he isn't sure where it would be located. Mayor Ing-Moody stated that T-O Engineers had designated a space when they removed the old one for the taxiway repairs. She stated that if another place is chosen by TAAB, the new location would have to be reviewed by the engineers. Council Member Easton is wondering what type of Fuel Depot it would be. He wonders if it's going to be a Town operation or a Commercial operation. Council Member Smith responded that he believes it would be a privately held corporation or a cooperative. Council Member Easton said that the Town currently leases land to Commercial entities, and he thinks we should look at the existing leases that the Town has for comparison. Council Member Studen said that the Town should check with the Department of Ecology because they probably have certain limits and requirements for storage, etc. Given the direction provided by Council at this meeting, Mayor Ing-Moody suggested moving this conversation to the Facilities Committee for further work.

Discussion/Action: Tree Board Letter of Support – Methow Valley Citizen's Council Grant Application: T-Mobile Hometown Grant – "Third Place Garden":

Mayor Ing-Moody said that she learned more information about this grant and hopefully can answer any questions that the Council has. The Methow Valley Citizens Council is looking for a letter of support in applying for this grant that would place a park on their privately held property that they would be responsible for installing and maintaining. There would be no requirements from the Town. Chief Budrow said that from a public safety standpoint, he would like to ensure that they not allow overnight camping and that it will still have to abide by the Town's Municipal Code. Council Member Auburn wanted to verify that the property in question is next to the Eagles along Highway 20 at their current location. Mayor Ing-Moody confirmed that is the property. Council Member Studen asked what the Third Place Garden meant. TwispWorks Director Sarah Brown mentioned that she believes that it would mean a

space that you want to spend your time in, and hang out in. Mayor Ing-Moody asked that Clerk/Kilmer ensure that Chief Budrow's public safety concern be relayed to the MVCC.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the letter of support as presented. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: 4th of July Parade:

Mayor Ing-Moody said that typically every year the Council Members participate in the 4th of July Parade by riding in a Town float or truck. She would like to confirm with everyone that they are still wishing to continue this so she can ensure that there is a vehicle available. She said that she will be unavailable to ride in the parade this year. Council Members Auburn and Easton are also unavailable. Council Member Studen offered to drive the vehicle if it would help with staffing issues. Council Member Caswell and Smith are both available to ride in the parade. Mayor Ing-Moody said she will work out the details with staff.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 6/14/22

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 28th day of June 2022.

Payroll	EFT # 1376-1381, 1383, 1405	9409.67	6/15/22
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 36579 - 36607	91199.38	6/28/22
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1446	683.00	6/28/22

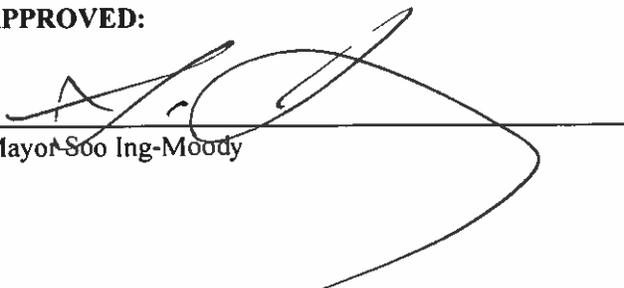
Council Member Caswell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Mayor Ing-Moody asked that the Council Members and Staff change their display names to include their official titles for future video meetings so that they are easily identifiable to those on the meeting that do not already know who they are.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer