

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 2/8/22

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Clerk Treasurer Kilmer and Deputy Clerk Grennell if anyone had signed up for public comment prior to the meeting. They verified that no public commenters had signed up.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody said she does not have anything to report. She will be speaking on a variety of subjects during the meeting.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham said that he continues to work on the current projects for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Civic Building. He said that he is having some equipment repaired right now while there is no snow to plow.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Council Member Studen attended the Public Safety committee meeting where they continued discussing the contract between the Town and the Union for the Police Department. He said that he is happy to report that the officers have accepted the contract and wanted to thank everyone for their hard work. He also said they met with the Fire District 6 Fire Chief and Commissioner Brandenburg where they discussed issues with annexation, and it seems as though both parties are on the same page. He said the next step is to iron out details to a pre-annexation agreement to be able to present to the town voters. He said that the voters of the Town and of the District will need to accept the agreement. He also said they discussed Town owned property and how ownership will be transferred in the future. Council Member Smith said he is happy with the discussions and think they are going well. Council Member Studen also attended a housing workshop where he said at least 100 people attended. He said there were good discussions with ideas on affordable housing such as building ADUs for long-term

rentals. He also said that in Europe they are doing something called Fair BNB where a portion of the proceeds on rentals are given to the local town to help put back into the community.

Council Member Smith attended the Finance Committee meeting where they discussed the proposed annexation on the Konrad property. He said that further review is still needed. He said there are many questions they have including who would be responsible for what. He said he also attended the Public Works Committee meeting where they participated in Engineering interviews for the Wastewater Treatment upgrade project.

Discussion/Action: Planning Commission Interview/Appointment Position #3 – In Town 3-year term – Jasmine Minbashian and Laura Chedalawada:

The Mayor and Council interviewed Laura Chedalawada and Jasmine Minbashian for the Planning Commission position #3 opening.

Council Member Smith moved to appoint Jasmine Minbashian to position #3 as presented. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Methow Watershed Council Appointment – Jean Bodeau:

The Mayor and Council interviewed Watershed appointment Jean Bodeau. She brings a lot of experience to the position and is excited to be a part of Watershed.

Council Member Caswell moved to appoint Jean Bodeau to Watershed Council as presented. Council Member Auburn seconded the motion and it passed with Council Member Smith abstaining.

Discussion/Action: MWC Water Bank Priority Ranking Considerations:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that at the last Watershed Council meeting they received a list of Water Bank priorities from County Commissioner Andy Hover and Okanogan Conservation District Supervisor Lorah Super. Those two entities would be using the 2 million in state appropriations for the creation of a Water Bank. When they gave their priority list to Council, a comment was made by Jeff Sarvis of Winthrop that municipal water was too far down on the list for his liking. Mayor Ing-Moody was in agreement with that and wanted to see more prioritization for municipal water. Since the members of Watershed Council determined that the priority ranking review is needed, the Watershed Council asked the Water Banking Committee to review the priorities to submit back to Hover and Super. The Waterbank Committee created a revised priority list which was provided in the Council packet. Mayor Ing-Moody is looking for input from Council tonight that would indicate their support or preferences as they pertain to the priority listing. She asked Council to review both lists and provide comment. Council Member Smith said that while he is abstaining from voting, he would like to state that it is important for the Town to have a voice in this conversation and not allow others to decide priorities for the Town. He is wondering if a lesson on water history is needed for council members to bring everyone up to speed on why water is important and what it means to the town. He said it could be during a Council Meeting where enough time is set aside to give some history. Council Member Easton said he attended the Watershed Council meeting and did not like the original list of priorities provided and preferred the Waterbank Committee's priorities more, however, he does not like out of basin transfers at all and thinks it should be removed. He believes that we need to look out for Twisp and it's important for our voice to be heard. Council Member Auburn said that she needs to do more research on water and is unsure about the water history and how it affects the town today. Mayor Ing-Moody summarized what she heard from Council to be that a little more time is needed for our Council to deliberate on the priority list. She will convey that and the sentiment that water for the

Towns should be number one priority, and that a preference is for the revised priority list from the Waterbanking Committee. She said this may be brought back at a later date for further discussion.

Discussion/Action: WA State Auditor’s Office – Data Sharing Agreement:

Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer stated that this document has been thoroughly vetted by Staff and Legal Counsel. He said that the State Auditors Office is having this agreement with every city in the state. He said it’s basically an agreement with how we share confidential information during an audit and how they handle the information.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Data Sharing Agreement as presented. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Teamsters Local Union 760/Twisp Police Department Contract:

Mayor Ing-Moody said that the contract before the Council has been thoroughly discussed at the Public Safety Committee and is now brought before them for approval. Council Member Smith said he has a deep sense of gratitude for the Police Department and thinks this is a good commitment of policies to be put in place. Mayor Ing-Moody wanted to thank the Public Safety Committee for their time and effort going through the contract and to Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer for helping to put the document together and Chief Budrow for his feedback during negotiations.

Council Member Studen moved to approve the contract between Teamsters Local Union 760 and the Twisp Police Department as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes 1/25/22

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 8th day of February 2022.

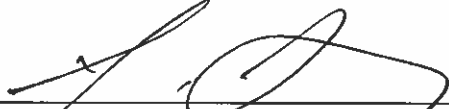
Accounts Payable	EFT# 363, 400	201.07	1/31/22 2/8/22
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 36282 - 36293	207935.31	2/8/22
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 36294 - 36314	16015.75	2/8/22
Payroll	EFT# 299-314, 365-366, 379, 381, 383, 398, 399	72009.95	1/31/22 2/1/22 2/7/22

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer