

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 1/25/2022

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:31 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

Public Comment:

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody reviewed the updated public comment procedure, noting that verbal comments were now being accepted but that commenters must sign up in advance per the instructions provided on the agenda. She reported that Town Hall has been closed this week due to Covid-19 procedures for health and safety of the public and staff.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that the contractor has begun work on the Biosolids project at the treatment Plant. He also reported that the Well 4 project had been completed that day, and that AESI has been on site for development of the screen. The Director reported that one of the Town's plow trucks had experienced a major break and would require immediate replacement.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton reported that he'd been to the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting but would leave details to Chamber President Don Linnertz who would be presenting later in the meeting.

Council Member Smith reported that the Airport Advisory board had met to review the items from the letter they sent to Council regarding fuel depot, hangar least rates, and airport capital projects. The TAAB has decided to meet more frequently, now meeting monthly, due to the increased workload the board has. He was happy to report that the newly appointed board members were quickly engaged in TAAB discussions and were valuable additions to the board.

Council Member Studen reported on the Friends of the Pool Meeting. FOP has submitted for appropriation in the next legislative budget session for land acquisition/planning for a new pool in the Methow Valley. FOP is also looking into additional available funds to replace the cover of the current pool and to recruit lifeguards earlier in the year.

Council Member Studen reported from the OCTA meetings that Brent Timm has been hired as the General Manager, and that TranGo will be looking to hire an assistant manager. TranGo has also made the decision to act as their own treasurer as opposed to having a third party manage funds.

Council Member Studen reported that the Public Safety Committee had set meetings with Fire District 6 for later in the week to begin pre-annexation discussions. He also reported that negotiations with the Teamsters representing Twisp Police Officers were wrapping up, and that a final contract could be expected soon for Council review.

Council Member Caswell reported that the Planning Commission is requesting written feedback on the draft sign code. Mayor Ing-Moody responded that any feedback is contained in the minutes from the previous meeting where that topic was discussed. Council Member Caswell continued that the Planning Commission is also working with Planner Danison on the Shoreline periodic review, specifically the public input portion.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Methow Watershed Council from a pool of six applicants had elected Jean Bodeau. Jean will attend the next Council meeting for council to ratify the election. The MWC approved a letter of support for the Town of Twisp's Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) grant application to Ecology, with the Winthrop member of MWC abstaining from the vote. MWC was asked to review a priority list submitted by the County and the Conservation District for water banking. Mayor Ing-Moody was concerned to see that water for Towns was listed as the 5th priority, even behind water for agriculture and county growth. Mayor Ing-Moody was reelected to chair the MWC for another year.

Discussion/Action: Chamber of Commerce 2021 Report:

Chamber President Don Linnertz was present to report on the use of the 2nd half of 2021 LTAC funds provided to the Chamber. Detailed reports of expenditures and events were included in the council packet and available to the public. Linnertz gave special thanks to Council Member Easton for being the liaison to the Chamber, to all the volunteer board members, to Town staff for their support, and to Jamie Pettito for her work as Marketing Director.

Discussion/Action: DNR Urban Forestry Grant:

Tree Board Chair Dwight Filer was present to provide information to the Council on the Department of Natural Resources Urban Forest Grant. Details of the grant and application were included in the council packet and available to the public. Deliverables for this grant, if funded, would be a tree inventory, urban forest maintenance plan, and comprehensive tree plan for the next decade. Grant funds are on a 50% match basis, with in-kind and staff time match allowable. Council directed the Tree Board to complete the application and return to Council for approval prior to submission.

Discussion/Action: Tree Board Annual Work Plan 2022:

Tree Board Chair Dwight Filer presented the 2022 Annual Work Plan to the Council.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the 2022 Annual Work Plan as presented. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Ordinance #783 – TMC 2.130.020 (TERC Membership):

Council Member Easton moved to approve Ordinance #783 as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll

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 25th day of January 2022.

Accounts Payable	EFT# 238, 261	4,929.97	01/25/22
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 36256-36280	575,272.78	01/25/22
Accounts Payable	Wire# 1367992	69,919	01/25/22
Payroll	EFT# 195-202, 205	10,672.79	01/14/22

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

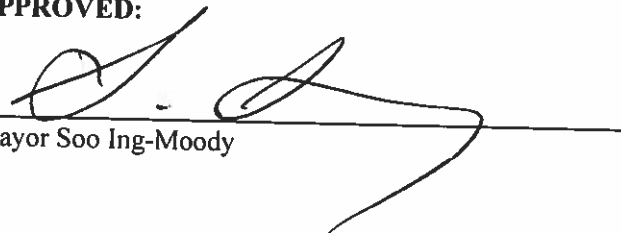
Executive Session:

Mayor Ing-Moody convened the executive sessions at 6:55pm. Council returned to the Council session at 7:40 pm. No action was taken in executive session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer