

# **Town of Twisp**

## **Council Minutes – 09/12/23**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Council Members present: Mayor Ing-Moody  
Alan Caswell  
Katrin Auburn  
Hans Smith  
Aaron Studen  
Mark Easton

Council Member absent:

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

### **Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes**

Jerry Bush-

Mr. Bush complimented all the infrastructure improvements made in Town over the past two to three years. He commented on Town filling Dave Shultz's irrigation ditch with debris and wet cement. Mr. Bush stated that he hopes there are plans for crushing it or else it will end up a rodent catch. He also stated that goatheads are very bad in that spot and because they have not been taken care of, they have matured and spread. He hopes there is mediation for the slope in the old ditch and goatheads.

Director Denham responded that the debris in the ditch is a waterpipe that was taken out and all the debris will get covered and capped. Ecology blocks will also be added. A catch basin will be installed on the corner, and a pipe is already there that will be going in this month. Director Denham also stated that he will have someone check for goatheads.

Dennis Doyle-

Mr. Doyle commented on the same debris as Mr. Bush did that is being dumped and affecting a local resident. Mr. Doyle also said that last winter when the road was graded it was graded so that the slope sent all the thaw to her house and that the goatheads have filled her yard.

Barry Stromberger-

Mr. Stromberger commented that with everything on the agenda he does hope that Council is able to discuss the recommendations presented to them from Planning Commission and the Nightly Rental Task force regarding the code revisions.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that WASPC is continuing to assist with hiring a new Police Chief, but there are no updates at this time. Town has an interim replacement for the planner. His name is Thom Vetter. As of right now the contract is through the end of the year but there is the potential of continuing into the new year. Extra hours have been added to the Planning department, doubling the time spent in town from what Planner Danison was providing. She asked anyone wishing to meet with the planner to please reach out to Town staff to schedule any meetings with him as his hours are slightly different.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Clerk Kilmer-**

Reported that the audit is still being worked on. He also reported budget season is coming up.

### **Sheriff Budrow**

Reported that the law has changed allowing for the arrest of drug dealers. Possession results in a ticket. He stated that he would review the narcotics task force at the next Council meeting. The speed radar located in Town does have a license plate reader that has been proven to be working and is collecting data to concentrate on what needs to be done. The Sheriff's department will be moving it around to random places throughout Town.

### **Director Denham-**

Reported that all three Public Works Board grants were approved. Town has submitted three more grant applications to TIB whose engineer stated are very competitive grants. Director Denham also reported that the water main replacement on 5<sup>th</sup> and Alder Street went very well. More system leaks were found as they went through. Even with those leaks and setbacks the project came in \$40,000 under the not to exceed number. Many projects are happening all at once all over Town. Everything is back on schedule. The 5<sup>th</sup> Ave reconstruction project started yesterday and should be done by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Director Denham stated that residents have been very patient during this process, and he is very grateful for that. Ecology has approved the WWTP, they are just waiting for all the necessary signatures to send to Town. That project will go to bid later this month.

## **Commission/Committee/Board Reports**

Council Member Caswell reported that he attended the Planning Commission meeting where they discussed Short-term Vacation rentals and had an intern report from Cadon Coldicott. He also attended the OCOG meeting where WSDOT was not approved as a voting member.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion/Action: Request for Letter of Support for Twisp Chamber-State of Washington Tourism Grant**

Nicki Krost, the owner of 1908 and Vice President of the Chamber, is trying to start a three-day Fall festival in October 2024. They are applying for a grant and are requesting a letter of support from town.

Council Member Easton made a motion to approve the Letter of Support for Twisp Chamber-State of Washington Tourism Grant. Council Member Auburn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: Orchard Hills Planned Development Closed Record Hearing**

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that Council will be holding a closed record quasi-judicial hearing that will be a closed record decision. No new information is allowed. Council will be considering the Planning Commission’s recommendations as well as hearing from the Town Planner. Legal counsel will be taking notes and the Deputy Clerk will record the conversation to be filed as the official record of the hearing. Planner Danison provided a brief summary of the application timeline. The following is a summary of the decisions made by the council.

The Council worked through each individual recommendation as seen below:

1. Add language stating, “adequate flow”.
2. Add language stating, “stormwater system may not be located in preserved open space”.
3. No Change
4. No Change
5. No Change
6. No Change
7. Should read “two accesses are required”.
8. No Change
9. No Change
10. No Change
11. Strike
12. Strike
13. Need to add the additional requirements put into the MDNS.
14. No Change
15. Strike
16. Strike on the condition that all other requirements are met.
17. Clarify that it is for all open space not just south of Harrison Street and take out the language of deeding open space to the town.
18. Change to limitation of two-unit buildings per TMC.
19. No Change
20. Modify to state no wood burning fireplaces shall be allowed.
21. No Change
22. No Change
23. Change to state “all open space parcels to be kept as undeveloped open space until deeding it to the Town, including requirement in Plat notes, or recording Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions against the property.
24. Replace envelope with footprint.
25. Should be submitted prior to final PD.
26. No Change

- 27. State which part of TMC applies.
- 28. No Change
- 29. Add or plat notes after restrictions and take out Dark Sky complaint.

Add any additional requirements from the MDNS.

Council Member Easton made a motion to approve Orchard Hills preliminary PD with modifications to conditions and findings as discussed by the Council and to direct staff to bring back a written decision consistent with the Council’s direction. Council Member Studen seconded the motion. Council Member Smith and Council Member Auburn voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Caswell voted against the motion. The motion was passed.

**Discussion/Action: Short Term Vacation Rentals Update**

The Council reviewed and discussed the Planning Commission’s recommendations for revisions to the Nightly Rental Code. The Council gave their recommendations, including consideration for “owner occupied” properties as changes to Chairman Battle to bring back for Planning Commission’s review.

**Discussion/Action: RCO Grant Authorization – LMP – Park Structure Repairs and Equipment Replacement**

Director Denham stated that the Local Parks Maintenance is a no match grant. It will fund two equipment purchases, a pull saw and replacing the John Deere zero turn mower. It will also fund repairing the bandshell, the stone BBQ, and the picnic shelter. The total is \$91,936.

Council Member Easton made a motion to approve RCO Grant-LMP- Park Structure Repairs and Equipment Replacement. Council Member Auburn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes: 04/10/23, 04/11/23, 05/09/23, 05/16/23, 05/23/23, 06/13/23

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

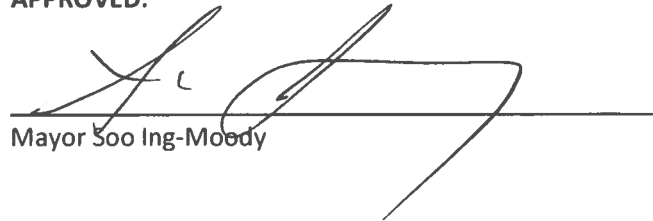
Accounts Payable	EFT Trans #1864	\$7,269.07	09/12/23
Accounts Payable	Check #38052-38088	\$590,316.79	09/12/23
Payroll	EFT Trans #1882-1904	\$58,754.17	09/12/23
Payroll	Check #14546-14552, 38051	\$2,473.62	09/12/23

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

**APPROVED:**



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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**



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Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer