

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – September 13, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the video conference meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Council Members present via phone/video:

Aaron Studen
Hans Smith
Katrina Auburn
Alan Caswell

Council Members absent:

Mark Easton

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

No public comments were given.

Mayor's Report:

N/A

Staff Reports:

Clerk Kilmer reported that training of new staff is going well.

Chief Budrow introduce the new Police Clerk, Theresa Ruggiero. She has been doing training in Brewster the past week and doing very well. He's very happy to have a full staff again, and everything else is proceeding as normal.

Committee, Commission and Board Reports:

Mayor Pro Tem Smith reported on the TAAB meeting. The board was disappointed to learn that the Town was not successful in receiving the crack sealing grant, and there was much concern for the future of the runway. There was sentiment of a lack of progress on fuel depot discussions, as well as frustration with lease rate discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Smith made it clear to the board that Town staff and officials have had other priorities and constraints, but that the airport's concerns are important and will be

addressed as soon as they reasonably can be. The committee hopes to receive a response back with further direction by mid-January.

Council Member Studen reported on the Friends of the Pool meeting. They'll be holding an event at 6:30pm 9/26/22 at the Twisp Grange as a meet and greet to recruit more members for the FOP and/or the new organization for the new pool facility. FOP is applying to Give Methow for funding to hire a paid staff member as administrative tasks are becoming too large of a burden to volunteers. Locations have been discussed for a new pool facility. Potential sites are the sports complex facility or Lloyd owned private property on East County Rd. Cost estimates are currently coming in at 10 million or more. This underscores the need for fundraising or a potential recreation tax district.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/Action: Low-Income Water Assistance Program Vendor Agreement – OK County Community Action Council:

Clerk Kilmer explained that this agreement is required by the Community Action Council to provide assistance to Twisp utility customers who are struggling with their bills. The agreement has already been reviewed by staff legal counsel.

Council Member Auburn motioned to approve the agreement. Council Member Caswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mayor Pro Tem Smith abstaining from the vote.

Discussion/Action: 2023 Hanger Lease Rate Increase

Mayor Pro Tem Smith recapped the staff report included in the packet. He offered his opinion that the max rate increase be applied per the terms of the lease given current inflation. Council Member Caswell made a motion to increase the hanger lease rate by the max amount of 8.8% to \$443.09 for 2023. Council Member Studen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mayor Pro Tem Smith abstaining from the vote.

Council Member Auburn noted that she's interested in the TAAB and participating with that board. Mayor Pro Tem Smith requested that committee assignments be brought to the next council meeting as he'd be willing to give her his spot on that board given his many other Town board and committee obligations.

Discussion/Action: Community Forestry Consultants Agreement

Council Member Caswell motioned to approve the Community Forestry Consultants agreement. Council Member Auburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Mayor Pro Tem Smith abstaining from the vote.

Discussion/Action: Planning Commission Update (Priorities/Sign Code)

The Council reviewed the letter from the Planning Commission regarding the progress of the sign code and other priorities. The Council requests that Planner Danison and Commissioner Battle be invited to the next council meeting to give an update. Council discussed the potential addition of additional priorities to the Planning Commission such as updating the code for nightly rentals, the TwispWorks Overlay, and

potential code requirements and/or policies for gaining better egress for new subdivisions. Council was supportive of suggesting these additions to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Smith will contact Commissioner Battle directly and request these additions to the priority list. Council agreed that they'd like to see the priority list every six to eight months, and have the Planning Commission Chair come to a Council Meeting, to update the priority list as needed.

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 13th day of September 2022.

Accounts Payable	Warrant # 36743-37274	\$209,091.32	09/13/22
	Warrant # 37275-37278	\$64,105.55	09/13/22

Council Member Caswell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Auburn and passed unanimously with Mayor Pro Tem Smith abstaining.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tem Smith

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer