

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 09/26/23

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

Council Member absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session with Legal Counsel (RCW 42.30.110(1)i) – Potential Litigation (30 Minutes)

The Council went into executive session at 5:01 PM
The Council exited executive session at 5:31 PM

Discussion/Action: Resolution #23-710 – Orchard Hills Preliminary PD

The Deputy Clerk will record the conversation for this item to be filed as the official record of the discussion/action.

Council Member Smith stated for the record that all the Council Members received an email from Jerry Heller who recommended holding another public hearing. Mayor Ing-Moody also disclosed that she received a text from Bill Moody requesting clarification on the Council’s conversation from the last council meeting, but she did not speak to him about it.

Council Member Smith suggested two edits in the conditions for approval:

3.7-Should state “If feasible, two accesses to the development are required unless, prior to application for Final PD, the applicant establishes that such secondary access is not feasible as the applicant cannot acquire the necessary property rights or does not own the necessary property rights. If feasible, it is preferred that the applicant shall construct the secondary access road from the PD to Isabella Lane within the Town’s reservoir access easement. In the alternative, the applicant shall construct the secondary access road for ingress and egress to the project in another location (to either Isabella Lane or Harrison Street) subject to approval by the Public Works Director. Any such secondary access road may not be barricaded and must be maintained year-round by the applicant or successor HOA, unless made public.”

3.11- Should state “That all construction be completed in compliance with applicable requirements of the International Building Code and all homes meet the 2018 International Wildland-Urban interface code. A note on the final plat will also be required referencing the requirement that all homes meet the 2018 International Wildland-Urban Interface code, including being constructed using Class 2 Ignition-

Resistant construction methods and materials. In addition, based on the record from the applicant’s fire expert report, in order to remove the 100-foot fire buffer requirement, the applicant proposed installing fire sprinklers in all homes. Therefore, instead of the 100-foot fire buffer, all homes shall be equipped with NFPA 13D fire sprinkler systems. The requirements in this Condition shall be recorded either as a note on the final plat, or this requirement shall be recorded as part of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the development prior to approval of the Final PD.”

Council Member Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution #23-710 – Orchard Hills Preliminary PD as amended. Council Member Easton seconded the motion. Council Member Auburn and Council Member Studen voted in favor. Council Member Caswell voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Addition – Discussion/Action: 2024 .09 Funding Application letter of Intent

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Barry Stromberger-

Commented on funding a full-time planner for the Town. He suggested using the funds from the sale of the firehall to cover that expense for the next few years.

Mayor Ing-Moody thanked Mr. Stromberger for his comment and stated that the Town’s new planner, Thom Vetter, is already doing twice the amount of time to the previous planner and there can be additional changes made, as needed, and as funds allow.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that Town is moving full speed ahead on projects in preparing for winter. She also noted that it is the beginning of budget season and she is working with staff to consider the many things mentioned here along with other items being discussed with the finance committee.

Staff Reports

Director Denham-

Reported that the anticipated rain pushed out paving to Thursday and Friday. The collection system project is going very well as they are caught up and back on schedule. He is hopeful that all the work needed will be accomplished this year with only a few items to be completed next year. Staff have shift work from parks maintenance to winterization at the parks, WWTP, and other facilities.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

Council Member Easton-

Reported that he and the mayor had met with Annete Roth from Arts Washington to discuss the Creative District. He got examples of other Towns and how they run their Creative Districts. He also had a meeting with Sarah Jo Lightner, Betsy, the Mayor, and Council Member Auburn to discuss the Creative District and how to best set up a suitable and sustainable governance structure for the future of the District moving forward.

Council Member Easton also attended the Chamber meeting last week. The Chamber is looking for two new members. He stated that there are new members and good energy and believes they are headed in a great direction.

Council Member Caswell-

Attended the Planning Commission meeting where the Blackbird Garden Apartments and Townhomes were discussed. They also discussed Council’s recommendations on the Short Term Vacation Rental code revisions.

Council Member Smith-

Attended the Public Works Committee Meeting where they talked about grants for the Painter’s Addition egress and plans for how to put it in. They also discussed the work happening for the extension of the waterline on Ewell Street to the new WWTP to enable the service of more properties inside Town boundaries. He also shared that the Town did not receive the Aviation grant so the pilots intend to financially take care of the crack seal project. He also reported the Finance Committee will be meeting to look at next year’s budget.

Council Member Studen-

Reported that the Federal Transportation Administration has implemented a requirement for all public transport systems to be available online via google maps. He shared that as a result, starting next year you will be able to see the bus schedules on your phone.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Blackbird Garden Apartments Preliminary PD

As the notes, headings and map didn’t seem to make sense, the council requested this item to be brought back with clearer and more complete information.

Discussion/Action: Housing Action Plan - Preliminary Housing Analysis

The council discussed that the submitted plan needs some follow up work. Council Member Easton made a motion to adopt the Housing Action Plan, calling it instead a Preliminary Housing Analysis. Council Member Auburn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: NCW Narcotics Task Force 2024 Agreement

The council requested this item be brought back when more information can be given.

Discussion/Action: Kelly Connect Lease Agreement

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the Kelly Connect Lease Agreement. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: 2024 .09 Funding Application letter of Intent

Council Member Studen made a motion to approve 2024 .09 Funding Application Letter of Intent. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes:

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 26th day of September 2023.

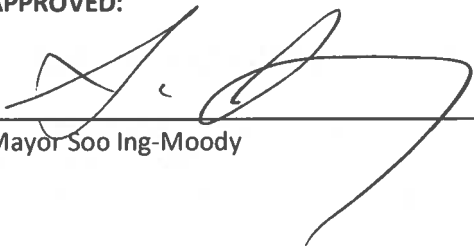
Accounts Payable	Check #38090-38109	\$92,927.93	09/26/23
Accounts Payable	EFT Trans #2061	\$683.00	09/26/23
Payroll	EFT Trans #2010-2017	\$9,810.00	09/26/23

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 6:49 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer