

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 10/10/23

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

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

Council Member absent:

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Auburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Public Comment Period: Up to Three Minutes

Written Comments:

Submitted by Barbara Maygers:

“It is my understanding that TwispWorks has submitted their new Master Plan.

I have read it over and do not see that there is any real information I can pinpoint, it is extremely vague, so vague that I have to ask myself just what is the “plan”?

As most of you are aware, I have been bringing attention to issues of TwispWorks effects on Methow Street. The overflowing and piled up garbage has greatly improved, however, there is still no buffer of any kind. This was originally addressed in the overlay requirements and still needs taken care of to be in compliance. Please see TMC 18.20.160(5) and 18.40.070(3)(b)(iii), “At a minimum, ornamental landscaping shall provide a visual relief and shade to building facades and visual screening of mechanical equipment, trash areas, and other service areas of the development, and shall add to the overall quality of the development by softening the effect of site buildings and structures upon the landscape. Standard Type II landscaping may be used according to Table 3 and shall be considered to meet the minimum standard for ornamental landscaping required in this subsection.”

Also, the traffic on Methow Street, which I submitted a traffic count for at one point, is excessive. Often above the allowed 20 trips per day as directed in the original plan as well ...please see TMC 18.40.070(4).

Then, in light of the traffic situation, there is the daycare to consider. Toddlers do break away and run down the ramp which empties directly out into Methow Street, on a corner. I try to keep TwispWorks informed as to the incidents that I witness. It seems that there needs to be some very specific planning spelled out for the safety of the children going forward with the high amount of traffic on Methow Street.

I personally would like to see the unresolved items from the original TwispWorks Master Plan taken care of, and am disappointed that there is no mention of finalizing and or completing what was originally required , before considering the future.
Thank you. “

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that Town Staff is very busy with budget season, the audit, and general year end work.

Staff Reports

Sherrif Budrow-

Reported that there have been twenty-one instances in the last thirty days that deputies have responded to Town. He also reported that over seven-hundred vehicles drove through the speed zones going faster than the posted twenty-five mile an hour and said he had to make a lot of phone calls.

Director Denham-

Reported that the 5th Ave cold joints did not come out right and it is too late to do a slurry seal so the repair will be done next spring under warranty work. He also reported that the WWTP project is out to bid right now, with the first virtual meeting tomorrow with the prime contractors. Bids will open November 9th. Staff is still working hard to get ready for winter.

Commission/Committee/Board Reports

Council Member Caswell-

Attended the OCOG meeting where they discussed obtaining funds from the Washington State opiate settlement.

Council Member Auburn-

Attended the Planning Commission meeting where they voted to begin the public process regarding the Short Term Vacation Rental code revisions. The public hearing is set for October 25th, 2023.

Council Member Smith-

Attended the Public Safety committee meeting where they discussed options regarding the Police Chief search. Still no success in attracting any applicants. They hope to have recommendations for Council at the next meeting.

Tree Board Update Dwight Filer, Tree Board Chair

Dwight Filer gave an update on the Silver Maple replacement plan. The tree board would like to get large established trees about two inches in diameter. He stated that the tree board will come back to the Council this winter with more details as they need to calculate what funds are available and how much the trees will cost.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Blackbird Garden Apartments Preliminary PD

The Council discussed the recommendation for approval for the Blackbird Garden Apartments Preliminary PD.

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented and to grant preliminary approval for the Blackbird Garden Apartments PD. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Shorelines Master Program

Council requested this item be brought back at a subsequent meeting when complete, with all additional required documentation and any comments submitted for their review.

Discussion/Action: TwispWorks Master Plan

Council and TwispWorks representatives discussed the TwispWorks Master Plan. A meeting will be set up between the TwispWorks Board, Council Member Smith and Council Member Easton to discuss the vision for the site and land use, as that will dictate if an overlay is needed or desired.

Discussion/Action: Creative District Board Governance Structure

Mayor Ing-Moody met with Council Member Easton and Auburn along with two members of the Creative District where they discussed and decided on a new governance structure as follows:

A seven member board consisting of; two Council Members, one arts administrator, two residents of the Town, one arts organization member from within the Creative District, and one business member from within the Creative District.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Creative District Board Governance Structure. Council Member Easton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: NCW Narcotics Task Force 2024 Agreement

Sherrif Budrow presented a letter with background information and reasoning behind why the proposed amount is more than previous years.

Council decided to wait on approval until the next Finance Committee meeting when the budget will be discussed.

Discussion/Action: USDA Sewer Project Grant Agreement Update

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the USDA Sewer Project Grant Agreement Update. Council Member Caswell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: NCW Libraries Agreement

The council requested this be brought back at a subsequent meeting as they would like to compare the previous agreement to understand what has changed. Additionally, they wish to review the Community Center agreement along with it.

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 10th day of October 2023.

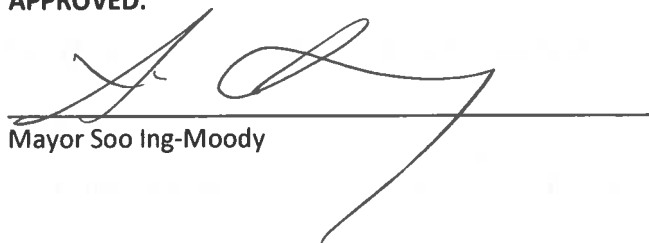
Accounts Payable	Checks #38111-38146	\$470,948.97	10/10/23
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Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Auburn and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer