

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 10-25-22

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Council Members present via phone/video:

Hans Smith
Katrina Auburn
Alan Caswell
Mark Easton
Aaron Studen

Council Members absent:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Caswell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comment:

No public comments were submitted or given.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody reported that the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Twisp Civic Building is planned for Saturday. She thanked Council and Staff in advance for their participation. Speakers have been lined up for the event, and Mindy Irvine has been hired by the Twisp Chamber as the event coordinator. There have been delays in construction and the paving is weather dependent but scheduled to be done in time for the event. There is a backup plan in place in case of delays.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that the findings from the income survey performed by Evergreen Rural Water are very favorable for the Town of Twisp and should significantly increase the grant portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The final report will be compiled and submitted to State funding agencies next month. The standby generator at the treatment plant malfunctioned, so a backup generator has been rented and placed on site. The Public Works department is advertising for an operator position. He commended the Public Works crew for their outstanding performance in his absence as he's dealt with family matters. The Cascade Loop project construction is completed, and he is satisfied with the result. The Lift Station #3 upgrade is 90% complete and online.

Chief Budrow reported that with Halloween on Monday Burgar street will be shut down as normal and extra patrols will be on duty.

Committee, Commission and Board Reports:

Council Member Easton reported on the Chamber Meeting. Twisp VIC staff attended the Washington State Tourism Conference. The Chamber intends to present their 2023 budget request to the Twisp Council in November. Sarah Brown of TwispWorks reported that the Methow Investment Network (MIN) has funded four new businesses in the Valley, three of which are in Twisp. The Chamber also discussed the empty buildings on Glover Street and what the Town and Chamber can do to support businesses or use of the space.

Council Member Caswell reported on the Planning Commission (PC) meeting. Public comment was received about the draft sign code with questions about catering to “dark sky” wishes and how that might conflict with security lights for businesses. The PC assigned each commissioner a specific type of sign to review based on data from the sign inventory. The PC will also be looking for approval for the Flood Damage Prevention code updates, to be addressed on a later council agenda item. The Shoreline Master plan update will have an open house workshop, public hearings, and eventually a final draft to come before council approval in January or February.

Council Member Studen reported on the Parks & Rec (P&R) Committee meeting. The committee discussed the approved the P&R master plan and how they can start to implement and support some of the identified projects on the plan. The committee understands that they can’t move forward without Public Works and/or Council approval on some of the projects. They intend to submit a letter of priorities with the hopes that Council will approve work/expenditures in the FY23 budget for identified projects. Sarah Schrock has stepped down as the Chair of the committee and Nick Hershenow has been appointed as the new Chair.

Discussion/Action: Chapter 16.10 TMC Flood Damage Prevention Amendments

Planner Danison gave background on the proposed amendments. The Department of Ecology informed the Town that it needed to be updated to maintain State and Federal Compliance. Updates are mandatory if the Town wishes to remain in the Federal Flood Insurance Program. A redline version of the document was provided and reviewed by the Planning Commission (PC). All proposed changes were accepted by the PC, the largest of which relates to structure sizes and requirements on permitting. The recommendation from PC is to approve the draft and submit it to the Department of Commerce for review.

Council Member Smith noted that the variance allowances are relatively narrow. With future work being proposed in Twisp in the shoreline and floodplain areas, he wants to be sure that adopting this doesn’t negatively impact opportunities for habitat restoration. He requests time to review the proposed language in depth and ensure that it does allow Town participation in potential restoration action. The Council requested that this item be brought back for action on a subsequent agenda.

Discussion/Action: NCW Narcotics Task Force 2023 Agreement

Council Member Easton made a motion to approve the NCW Narcotics Task Force 2023 Agreement as presented. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion 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 October 2022.

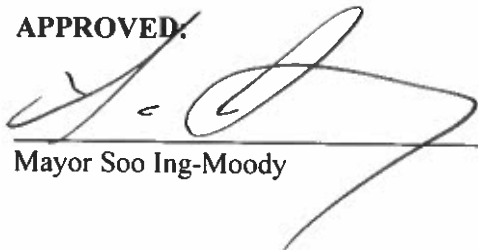
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| Payroll | EFT # 2299-2305, 2323-4 | 15,331.29 | 10/25/22 |
| EFTS | EFT # 2277-79, 2306, 2327, 2340 | 12,326.96 | 10/25/22 |
| Accounts Payable | Warrant # 37346-37388 | 687,426.13 | 10/25/22 |

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer