

Town of Twisp

Council Minutes – 5/25/2021

Mayor Ing-Moody called the video conference meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Council Members present via phone/video: Hans Smith
Mark Easton
Alan Caswell
Hannah Cordes

Council Members Absent: Aaron Studen

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

N/A

Public Comments:

N/A

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ing-Moody reported there are a lot of town projects underway and thanked everyone for their patience with them. She said that town continues to be very busy and otherwise it is business as usual.

Staff Reports:

Director Denham reported that all projects are going quite well, the Sports Complex is off to a great start, the Canyon Street Bus Stop is ahead of schedule and going well, as well as the Civic Building. He also said that Public Works staff continue to ready the pool for opening and is moving forward as planned.

Planner Danison reported that things are moving along with the town, and it's been really busy with planning and building. He said he's currently working on a BLA, completing the Twisp River Suites Planning Development and has recently received a subdivision application.

Committee/Commission/Board Reports:

Council Member Easton attended the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting. He said TwispWorks reported that 6 new business ideas were pitched to the Investment network and 4 were fully funded. He said Methow Arts has reported that there will not be an Arts Fest this year during 4th of July. The Chamber is working with Red Umbrella Designs to create a new tear map of Twisp. He said that the Chamber has created a survey in regards to public restrooms and are hoping for some feedback. Easton also reported that the Sunflower Relay sponsorship seemed to pay off for local businesses as they saw an increase in race supporters spending money using coupons on the brochures. He concluded with the announcement that TwispWorks Director Don Linnertz will be retiring this year, although he will be staying on with the Chamber.

Council Member Cordes attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting where they continue to work on the Parks Plan and hope to be getting close for submittal to Council. She said they are planning to conduct a survey and will be seeking public feedback very soon.

Council Member Smith attended the recent Finance Committee meeting. He said they are waiting for the completion of the audit from the auditors and are hoping they will have the final report soon. He said they also discussed Hangar Lease rates as that conversation was previously left unresolved. He mentioned that the Airport Advisory Board hasn't has a meeting since last year. He said that they would like to make a decision on a lease rate for new leases and also adjust the lease rate for next year and execute the 90-day notice to increase the rate.

Council Member Caswell attended the recent Planning Commission meeting where they worked on updating the Twisp Sign Code. He said the commission has reviewed the sign codes from Chelan, Cashmere, and Omak to review what they like and would like to incorporate into the new sign code.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the recent Watershed Council meeting at which they discussed the state appropriation of 2 million dollars for the Methow Valley for water banking purposes. She said the next meeting on June 17th will be a big meeting with the public and stakeholders. They are inviting 2 guests, Paul Jewell from the Washington Association of Counties, and Trevor Hutton from the Department of Ecology to speak about the waterbanking process and what might be considered for establishing one in the Methow Valley. She said reported that the Council passed the 2021 Strategic Plan which identifies the priorities and goals for the year.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion: Resolution #21-679 – Six Year TIP:

Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer said that this information is just for Council review. He shared that at the next meeting there will be a Public Hearing and Council will be asked for their approval of the TIP. Council Member Smith said he has reviewed the draft and fully supports approval. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

Discussion: Twisp River Suites Planned Development Final Approval:

Planner Danison stated that this Planned Development has been 9 years in the making. He said that Director Denham and he had created a final list for final PD approval. He said he hasn't received the mylar for signature yet, and that the next step is to hold a Public Hearing for the Final PD. He anticipated having everything needed for approval within the week. This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

Discussion/Action: AWC Business Meeting Voting Delegate Appointment:

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that on June 22, 23, and 24 AWC will hold its Annual Conference, with its business meeting on Thursday June 24th. She said the conference will be virtual this year and in order to take advantage of our 3 allotted votes, the Town needs to determine who are delegates will be. Council Member Cordes, Council Member Caswell and Mayor Ing-Moody will all attend and take part in the meeting as voting delegates.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the voting delegates as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Public Works Operator Lead Position:

Mayor Ing-Moody said this is the position that was approved at the previous council meeting and now includes the job description and salary for approval. She said this is an internal position and would result in a \$1 increase per hour for the interested applicant.

Council Member Smith moved to approve the PW Lead Operator Position description and Salary as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: Ordinance: Twisp Avenue Water Main and Collection Systems Improvements Project Award to JR Construction, Inc.:

Director Denham said he is recommending awarding the base bid only to JR Construction out of Post Falls, Idaho. He does not recommend awarding bid alt #1. He said that although it is a low base bid, both he and Varela did their research and all of their references checked out and would hire them again in the future. Denham recommends the awarding of the project.

Council Member Caswell moved to award the bid to JR Construction, Inc. as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Potential Litigation:

Mayor Ing-Moody called an executive session and reminded the council and staff that as they begin the executive session, each person must ensure that they are in a place where they are not able to be overheard by anyone else and that the conversation must be kept to oneself. She excused the staff and public at 6:16pm. At 6:45pm, Mayor Ing-Moody asked for an additional 15 minutes. At 7:00pm Mayor Ing-Moody resumed the Council meeting with no action taken.

Consent Agenda:

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes 4/13/21, 4/20/21, 4/27/21, 5/11/21

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 of May 2021.

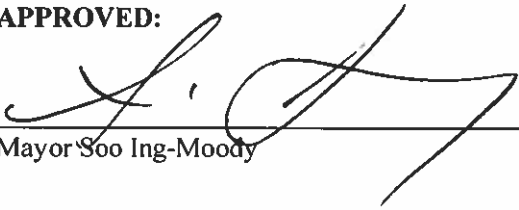
Payroll	EFT# 992-999	8616.00	5/14/2021
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1024-1026	23138.90	5/25/2021
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 36189-36214	85599.42	5/25/2021

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

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer