

# Town of Twisp

## Council Minutes – 8/24/2021

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

Council Members present via phone/video: Mark Easton  
Hannah Cordes  
Aaron Studen  
Alan Caswell

Council Members absent: Hans Smith

### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Council Member Studen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

N/A

### **Public Comment:**

Mayor Ing-Moody asked Clerk Treasurer Kilmer and Deputy Clerk Grennell if any public comment had been received prior to the meeting. They both verified that nothing had been received.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Ing-Moody reiterated the Town's virtual meeting protocol as has been used for public meetings since meeting remotely. She reminded everyone that public comment can be made in writing in advance of meetings and can be sent in writing to the Clerks office; that Council Meetings are held to enable Council to conduct official Town business following a published agenda. Council meetings, remote or otherwise, are not a time for public conversation and instead urged people to take the opportunity to reach out to her or Council members to set up a meeting. As such, it should not be expected that Council meetings are a time for public conversation on a given topic; the public are welcome to attend and listen as Council deliberates and discusses topic items. The use of chat is not recommended, monitored, or responded to. She asks that everyone abide by these guidelines.

She gave a wildfire update stating that the current Type 1 team will be leaving and we will soon be welcoming a new Type 2 team to take over the fires. She said the wildfires still burning are in the higher elevations. She also reported that the Town of Winthrop was gracious enough to share the load of distributing Instant Pot Air Purifiers and we were able to ensure that distribution would reach some of our residents in the Twisp area.

### **Staff Reports:**

Public Works Director Denham had an update on the SR 20/Canyon Street project saying that Central Washington Asphalt was set to do the grinding and paving this week but will need to reschedule possibly on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He also said that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had another breakdown and had to replace the blower and mixer. He said these issues have consumed much of his and his staff's time.

### **Committee/Commission/Board Reports:**

Council Member Caswell reported that he attended the Public Works committee meeting where they mainly discussed whether or not to purchase a new generator for the Civic Building or to obtain a used one. He said that if they were able to purchase a used one it would save us approximately \$30,000. He said they also talked about competitive labor wages for the PW Director and Staff that would involve an increase in pay rates for those employees.

Council Member Cordes reported on the recent Tree Board meeting last week. She said it was mostly to gain an update from Intern Libby Tate-Manning on her projects with the Tree Board. She has been working on creating a power point presentation that the Tree Board can use in the future for educational purposes. She is also working with Blue Star regarding tree plantings at their new business location, and is also working on a plan incorporating Firewise consideration for tree plantings in the town/neighborhoods. Cordes reported that on Friday from 2-4pm, 5 interns from Western Washington University who served in the Methow Valley this summer will be doing presentations showing what they accomplished.

Council Member Studen provided an update on TranGo saying that the Board had interviewed and offered the new Financial/HR position to Jackie Gleason. He also said reported that TranGo busses are starting to reach their usable lifetime; replacement has been included in their financial plans so to expect seeing some new busses around in the near future.

Council Member Easton attended the finance committee earlier today. He said they talked about the PDA overlay issues, and Public Works staffing although no action was taken during the meeting. Easton also attended the Twisp Chamber of Commerce meeting where there were new possible board members in attendance. He said that TwispWorks reportedly raised \$30,000 from a GoFund Me campaign for the Small Business Grant award money. He also said they have seen an increase in business at the Valley Goods store. He reported that the Chamber is leaving their membership costs at \$75.00 per year for now, but next year will be raising them to \$100. He said the chamber is hoping to install a Visitor Information Center at the Farmers Market in the future. Easton attended the Climate Action Plan meeting where they discussed the Implementation Hub for the plan that will be printed and distributed in September. The hub will provide guidance, support and education as it relates to the Climate Action Plan.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Discussion/Action: Ordinance #773 – TMC Chapter 10.20 Parking:**

Director Denham stated that he was able to follow up with business owners directly adjacent to the street where parking changes were discussed to potentially take place on Second Avenue. He said they are agreeable to having a 12:00am – 12:00pm (noon) parking restriction to help alleviate delivery issues in the alley of local businesses. It was clarified that it would need to be a 7-day restriction as some of those deliveries take place on the weekend.

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Ordinance #773 – Parking as amended to the hours of 12:00am-12:00pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Easton and passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion/Action: Ordinance #774 – Fireworks:**

Council Member Caswell moved to approve Ordinance #774 – Fireworks as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cordes and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: WA State Department of Commerce – Civic Building Appropriation \$1,470,000:**

Mayor Ing-Moody stated that approval is needed for the acceptance of funds from the Capital Budget Appropriation. She stressed that this is not a loan but rather a state funded appropriation awarded to the Town for the construction of the Civic Building/EOC.

Council Member Easton moved to approve the acceptance of \$1,470,000 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Studen and passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Action: Public Works Surplus Equipment:**

Public Works Director Denham stated that this equipment is ready to be surplussed, with the exception of the newer generator being used as a trade in for the purchase of a bigger used generator.

Council Member Studen moved to approve the 4 items presented for surplus with the exception of the newer generator for trade in only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Caswell and passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Accounts Payable/Payroll
- Minutes – 7/13/21, 7/27/21, 8/10/21

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

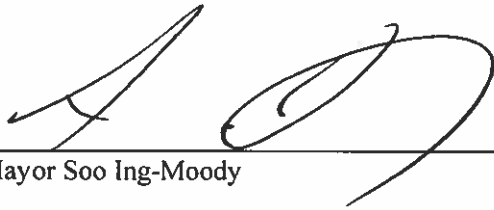
Payroll	EFT# 1679-1685	7305.54	8/16/21
Accounts Payable	EFT # 1686, 1731	6710.62	8/24/21
Accounts Payable	Warrant# 36896 - 36939	46918.10	8/24/21
Accounts Payable	Warrant # 36940 - 36943	297706.50	8/24/21

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

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ing – Moody adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.

**APPROVED:**



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Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

**ATTEST:**



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Clerk/Treasurer Randy Kilmer