

## Minutes of February 13, 2017

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of February 13, 2017 with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Chief Haugen talked briefly about an upcoming conference on Human Sex Trafficking that will be held at the Swinomish Casino on March 1, 2017. He urged anyone that wanted to go, to attend. The Chief and one other officer will in attendance.

Clerk-Treasurer Lewis reminded councilmen about the Marijuana Moratorium that needs to be renewed prior to March 27, 2017.

Ruben Hernandez briefed the council members on Lift Station #1 sewer pump repair, saying he would eventually like to have a spare pump on hand. He also informed them about the panel in Lift Station #3 that is being worked on. Ruben will get with Jim Wright on working on the Merk Street Vacation that actually missed one street to see if it can be corrected to what was intended. Ruben reported on recent storm activities and how well the crew cleared city streets and worked on other storm related incidents. He also told councilmen he submitted an estimated damage assessment report of around \$56,000 to Whatcom County as requested. Finally he mentioned that the Barbo Rd. RR crossing is severely damaged and should be repaired soon.

Jim Wright discussed the Dykstra Water Agreement and noted that Dykstra's attorney wanted a couple changes, that will be made before finalizing. Ordinance 1699 regarding credit card use was passed after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels, which carried. Ordinance 1700 amending sewer charges was passed after a motion by Todd Daniels and a second by Bruce Bosch which carried.

Council went into Executive Session for 15-20 minutes regarding legal matters.

At 7:50 p.m. council reconvened the regular session.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #38086 through #38136 in the amount of \$207,939.42 and Payroll Vouchers #2120825 through #20833 in the amount of \$121,444.56 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels, which carried. The January Manual Checks were approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels, which carried.

The Mayor spoke with councilmen about the reader board request. The Mayor and Council agree that the City will not own the board, nor will they be involved in updating the information on the board. Also, the City will not be involved in the accounting of donations for the reader board as that is not a function of City Government. The City is more than happy to donate the property for placement of the sign and the crew can connect electric and maintain service to the sign. Ruben will get together a committee to meet with the Reader Board Requestors.

Business Licensing for people leasing property from property owners within the city should get a license.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK-TREASURER