

MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2018

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of March 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. with all councilmen present, except Rich Postma and Gary Debont. Ruben Hernandez was also absent while attending a week-long building inspector training and testing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections, for filing.

At 7:03 p.m. the Public Hearing for the Marijuana Moratorium Extension was opened. There were no citizens present to speak on the matter. Jim Wright, City Attorney, explained the purpose of the ordinance and also for the extension. The council's intent is to make the moratorium permanent, which takes some time. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the hearing and Bruce Bosch seconded the motion. It was approved by everyone. Bruce Bosch made a motion approving the moratorium extension by Ordinance #1721. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The mayor talked a bit about the street repair and FEMA funding that we have been approved for. Kyle will follow up with Ruben. Fire District contract renewal will be discussed March 26, 2018. Kyle would like to schedule a meeting with the Parks/Property/Cemetery Committee regarding ball field use.

Daniel briefed the council on the upcoming test for an entry level position on Thursday. Oral Boards will be held the last week of March. Jim Wright presented a legislative and legal update for the police department. Alex Pluschakov starts academy tomorrow.

Geri Lewis asked council to set a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit. Todd Daniels made a motion to set a public hearing for April 9, 2018 at 7 p.m. for the Davidson Conditional Use Permit Application for a 4-unit addition to the apartment building at 341 Cleveland Ave. Josh Clawson seconded the motion and the hearing was set. A brief discussion about crows carrying glass from the glass recycling business just across the line was held. The company has been contacted and is trying to come up with some solution.

Since Ruben is at Building Inspector training, the Merk concerns will be addressed on March 26, 2018.

There will be a retirement party for Geri Lewis after 37 ½ years of service on March 30, from 1-3:00 pm.

The Mayor announced that he is putting Shelley Schultz in the Clerk-Treasurer position that Geri is vacating. She will begin with the new title on April 1, 2018. Kyle said that the vacated position will be posted. Kyle also talked about the annual Sumas Clean-up Day on April 7 from 9-noon. He said Friends of the Library plan a city-wide garbage pickup with volunteers. The Sumas PTO will be sponsoring the Sumas Market on March 24, 2018 from 9-4:00 p.m. at the Sumas Elementary School. Finally, Kyle told councilmen about meeting with employees of PSE regarding raising the cap on our gas tax from \$500 to \$1000 per month. PSE indicated that it would not place a hardship on their business. Bruce Bosch made a motion to raise the monthly cap from \$500 to \$1000. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it was approved. Jim will be looking into what needs to be done with Dept. of Revenue for changes to that tax.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #39253 through #39292 in the amount of \$178,682.42 and Payroll Vouchers #20952 + the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$18,900.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the February Manual Checks in the

amount of \$5,574.53. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Council went into Executive Session for 10 min. at 7:25 regarding legal issues with Jim Wright present.

At 7:35 council reconvened.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve a \$275.00 fee each for four cases that were previously Dan Parson's cases. The motion was seconded by Todd Daniels and it carried. These cases will be reassigned to another Public Defender.

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

MAYOR

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER