

Minutes of March 13, 2017

The Sumas City Council meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with all councilmen present. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing after a small correction regarding an employee.

The Economic Development Committee reported on a request by Martin's Feed for a \$20,000 loan to install electrical services at their new business site. Gary Debont made a motion to approve the loan for \$20,000 for 3 years at 2% interest with payments of \$572.85 per month. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it was approved by all councilmen.

Chief Haugen reported that the new bullet proof vests ordered last year, are finally here and are very good quality. He stated that a grant will reimburse the city for ½ the purchase price after the invoice is paid. A new police vehicle has been ordered and should be here shortly.

Geri Lewis asked for a re-scheduling of the Public Hearing for the Marijuana Moratorium. Gary Debont made a motion to reschedule the hearing to March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Gary Debont also made a motion to set a public hearing for the Teal Jones Expansion Conditional Use for April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion which carried. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a new interlocal Agreement (with no changes) with Whatcom County Parks and Recreation and the City of Sumas for Senior Activities. This replaces the current agreement which was good for 15 years and expires soon. Gary Debont made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the new interlocal. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it was approved. Geri also asked the full council to allow Mollie Bost to be hired fulltime with a salary to start at Step 3 of the Step Schedule under Clerical Assistant and full benefits. Gary Debont made a motion to allow the promotion of Mollie Bost to full time with all benefits and at a salary discussed. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. The Salary Ordinance will be amended to reflect this change.

The Mayor briefly explained an attachment to the agenda which is the amount Sumas submitted as storm damage this winter. This will all be reviewed by FEMA. He also told councilmen that Ruben and Bret are attending training for building inspector this entire week. The Mayor informed councilmen of the April 1st, 2017 date for City of Sumas Clean-up Day.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #38178 through #38222 in the amount of \$183,672.91 and Payroll Vouchers #20835 through #20843 plus the Direct Deposit in the amount of \$118,615.05 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the February Manual Checks in the amount of \$2,752.38. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the filing of the February Treasurer's Report. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Attest:

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER