

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2017

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of March 27, 2017, with all councilmen present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

The Public Hearing for the consideration of extending the Moratorium on Marijuana was opened at 7:00 p.m. There were no public speaker and no questions. Jim Wright explained a little about the reason for the moratorium and the renewal process. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Gary Debont made a motion to approve Ordinance 1701 extending the Marijuana Moratorium for an additional 6 months to September 27, 2017. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

The committee meeting with respect to code updates at the RV Park, was discussed. Several in attendance reported what had taken place and a brief discussion occurred as to the possible changes to code with regard to extended stays. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set a public hearing regarding Code Revisions to Chapter 20.48 and 20.62 of the Municipal Code, for April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Gary Debont seconded the motion which carried.

Chief Haugen informed the council that the city website had been hacked and evidently was not properly protected by design. Because of this it became an emergency to get someone that could remedy the problem while giving us a suitable website that is easier to use and nicer to look at. Chris said the we have hired ClickMonster, LLC to take on this task and briefed the council on several of the things that had been taken care of so far. We will update in the future.

Geri Lewis asked for passage of Ordinance #1702 amending the 2017 Salary Ordinance with respect to the hiring fulltime of Mollie Bost. Gary Debont made a motion to pass Ordinance #1702. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. Geri asked for permission to purchase a new workstation for Mollie that would have some or all of the Vision programs on it so she can begin to train on the use of these programs. Gary Debont made a motion to allow the purchase. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. Television problems were discussed with regard to losing money and customers. Ruben was going to report on a TV Committee meeting, but it was decided that this needs to be discussed further. Geri informed councilmen that upon informing Martin's Feed of the approval of their request for ED monies, Martin Ruiter filled out an application and actually had in mind a little more money than \$20,000. A meeting will be held with Mr. Ruiter included prior to the next council meeting. Another letter from a resident concerned about the state of a certain residence was fielded by Chief Haugen who told councilmen that the officer whose area this home is in, is working tomorrow. He will have him take care of it. Documents to renew the Interlocal Whatcom Home Consortium contract were approved to be executed by the Mayor after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont, which carried. Finally, Geri gave a brief update on the Food Bank moving to the Sr. Center. Everything is a go right now.

Ruben Hernandez spoke shortly about meeting with Dan from Mt. Baker cable regarding the purchase of surplus equipment. This is not the time for expenditures out of TV. Ruben also reported on answering questions about some of the items he submitted for the FEMA Disaster Relief which were approved, with the exception, possibly, of the gravel/salt mixture, which they are questioning. Ruben also let everyone know that both he and Bret have passed the Residential Building Inspector test, after completion of their weeklong class. So now we have two, and the next steps are Commercial Building and Plan Checks.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #38230 through #38263 and canceled check #38167 in the amount of \$111,277.84 and Payroll #20844 + the Direct Deposit in the amount of \$11,700.00 were approved for payment after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried.

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

Mayor

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER