

## MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2017

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of May 8, 2017, with all councilmen present. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

City Planner Rollin Harper addressed the Council regarding proposed Ordinance No. 1704 amending the City's RV Park regulations, including authorizing Extended Stays (longer than 120 days in a one-year period) on RV Parks following approval of a conditional use permit. Harper summarized proposed changes to permitted and conditional use as set forth in Chapter 20.48 SMC and new provisions under 20.62.030 and .035 SMC addressing Extended Stays. The City Attorney also addressed the Council to restate his perspective that this was primarily a policy decision not requiring additional legal guidance. The Council asked several questions that were answered either by Planner Harper, by Attorney Wright or by Kyle McLeod representing the owners of the RV Park. Council particularly asked about the total numbers of fully serviced RV sites, the average number of Extended Stay spaces, and the approximate number of guests staying year-around. Council member Bosch expressed interest in adding a new subsection (13) to SMC 20.62.030 to establish a prohibition on subletting of spaces in an RV Park. Other council members were in general agreement. Council member Debont expressed concern that allowing two-thirds of the RV spaces to be used for Extended Stays was too high and could lead to problems in the future. Following further discussion, Council member Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1704 as presented, with the addition of a new subsection (13) to SMC 20.62.030 prohibiting the sub-leasing of RV Park spaces. The motion was seconded by Council member Daniels and passed 4-1, with Council member Debont opposed.

Planner Harper addressed the Council and went over the memorandum that was included in the Council packet along with several documents received from the State Department of Ecology (Ecology) pertaining to the Sumas Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. These documents included a letter from Ecology from November 2016 and Attachment B and C addressing Required and Recommended Changes to the City's draft SMP Update. Harper noted that staff had reviewed Ecology's Required Changes and found all but two to be acceptable. The staff recommendation was to accept all of Ecology's proposed Required Changes with the modification to #9 and #18 that buffer averaging to be allowed up to 25 percent through approval of a shoreline substantial development permit and up to 40 percent through approval of a shoreline conditional use permit. Harper noted one additional minor technical correction identified as #19 needed to provide consistency with the newest Ecology wetland rating manual. Following further discussion, Council member Debont made a motion to direct staff to prepare a formal response to Ecology consistent with the staff recommendation and memorandum included in the Council packet. The motion was seconded by Council member Bosch and passed with unanimous support. In closing, Harper reiterated that the final SMP would come back before the Council for a final hearing and adoption by ordinance.

Rollin Harper also addressed the council with respect to DOE required changes and staff recommendations to the city's Shoreline Management Plan.

Police Chief Haugen talked with councilmen about swapping, selling, or trading of guns that have been in the evidence room, some for many years. He would actually prefer swapping them out for something the department does not have without spending any extra money.

Bruce Bosch spoke for the Finance Committee about hiring someone for the summer to help with the weed eating and other outside city and park maintenance. The City has not used any extra help for several years because of money issues which have improved somewhat. The person must be able to drive a vehicle and work independently.

Geri Lewis asked Jim Wright to talk about an Alliance One contract for municipal court collection services. Jim will review the contract and bring it back to council for action.

Geri also asked councilmen to familiarize themselves with some included paperwork regarding an alley vacation that was submitted and will be coming up for council action in the next couple of meetings.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Vouchers #38361 through #38397 in the amount of \$161,263.46 and Payroll Vouchers #20855 through #20863 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$115,895.08 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it was passed. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the April 2017 Manual Checks in the amount of \$7,861.76. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Council went into Executive Session regarding legal issues for approximately 10-15 minutes at 7:50 p.m.

At 8:02 p.m. council reconvened the regular meeting.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Todd Daniels, and it carried.

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MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER