

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2017

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of May 22, 2017, with all members present except Gary Debont and Todd Daniels. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

At 7:00 p.m., the Public Hearing for the Sumas Professional Building conditional use permit application was opened by Mayor Bromley. City Planner, Rollin Harper, addressed the Council and described the proposed project, which includes converting eight second-story offices into four residential apartments in an existing commercial building located at 617 Cherry Street in the Business General Zoning District. Harper noted that the building has access to parking just south of the building through a parking easement. One comment was received from Kelley Insurance that identified needed improvements to the site and structure. The applicant, Alex ???, addressed the council and indicated that the new owners were planning on making a number of improvements both inside and outside the building, including addressing the items raised by Kelley Insurance. Following council discussion, councilman Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the hearing. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. The application was sent to the Building & Ordinance Committee to bring bac at the next council meeting.

Geri reported that Wolverine West Fireworks had applied and received their State Permit for the annual fireworks display on the evening of June24, 2017.

Ruben Hernandez tole councilmen that he had applied and received confirmation for TIB Grant Funding in the amount of \$47,000. This involves a small match by the City of around \$2,000. He also reported meeting with Gary Armstrong from TIB on a Sumas Avenue Project that could be done in 3 phases. Ruben would like to see a bike lane, curb & gutters, sidewalks, street lights, and underground utilities. The Supt. Informed councilmen that the City of Abbotsford will be increasing sewer rates beginning July 1, 2017. Rates will go from \$1.21 to \$1.26 CAD per cubic meter. The Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that no increase would be needed for city rates. Ruben talked about Lift Station #3 being finished and he is still collecting invoices to see what the total cost will be.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #38399 through #38433 in the amount of \$20,953.94 and Payroll Vouchers #20864 and the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,700.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch. The motion was seconded by Rich Postma and it was approved. The April Treasurer's Report was approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Rich Postma, which carried.

Council went into Executive Session regarding legal matters for about 10 minutes at 7:40 p.m.

At 7:48 p.m. the council resumed the regular session.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn. Rich Postma seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER