

MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2017

The Sumas City Council met in regular session with Councilman Bruce Bosch opening the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All stood for the pledge of allegiance. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved for filing. Councilmen DeBont was absent as well as Mayor Bromley, who was just a little late and did attend.

Susan Marks, Executive Director of the Bellingham Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence addressed the council with updated information about the BWCCADV's role within the county and all small cities, and also particular information about Sumas Police statistics. As usual, this was very informative information and Susan did an excellent job of conveying her message.

Ruben spoke for the Parks Committee with regard to getting a children's play area at the new ballfields. This has been discussed randomly and decisions need to be made. He will meet with the committee before the next meeting. The Bldg. and Ordinance Committee met with regard to the Hollander CUP. Bruce Bosch made a motion to proceed with the upgrades to the building by approving CUP and the report of decision with 2015 ICC Standards (which is current). Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Chris Haugen reported on what he would like to do with some guns that have been in the departments possession for a long time. He has been talking with a Blaine gun broker who will trade the guns for equipment needed by the department. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the trade of guns for equipment. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. The Chief also asked the council to surplus both a 2009 and a 2010 Chevrolet Impalas that will be taken to auction. Bruce Bosch made a motion to surplus both vehicles. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Geri Lewis asked for the SCRC to have Sumas Avenue closed for Vacation Bible School from June 26 to June 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow this street closure as requested. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch also made a motion to waive the fee. Todd Daniels seconded that motion and it carried as well.

Ruben presented a petition to vacate alleys per a request from HD Investments (Jason Heutink) near 404 Front Street. Bruce Bosch made a motion to call for a Public Hearing on July 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the hearing was set. Ruben mentioned that the TV Committee needs to meet regarding rates and a possible increase. The pump replacement at the IKO life station was discussed and Ruben said the cost is around \$14,000. Todd Daniels made a motion to allow the expense and Josh Clawson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Ruben also mentioned that he will be attending a TIB meeting in Burlington regarding the possibility of some street grants and will also be going to Portland for the ICC Plans Examiner Class next week.

The Mayor talked about an ordinance that the Clerk-Treasurer had prepared regarding amending the 2017 Salary Ordinance to allow a pay raise for the Superintendent. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass Ordinance #1705 setting the salary at Step 2 for Superintendent. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. The Mayor briefly talked about the new jail agreement and what it would mean for the city in terms or finances. The Mayor asked councilmen to allow him to sign for the City's approval of the new agreement. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract for the City of Sumas, to participate in funding a new jail with .2 cents sales tax increase. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Vouchers #38460 through #38509 in the amount of \$228,335.66 and Payroll Vouchers #20865 through #20873 + the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$125,224.52 were approved for payment after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to place the May Treasurer's Report on file. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the May Manual Checks in the amount of \$7,624.47. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mayor asked for any further business. Hearing none, Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER