

MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2017

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of June 26, 2017, with all councilmen present except Josh Clawson and Todd Daniels. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were approved for filing.

Rich, Rich, & Ruben have found a couple of locations at the ball fields that they think would be ideal for a children's park/play area. Now they will be focusing on what they want and pricing. TV Committee has not met as of yet.

Chief Haugen let the council know that he had come to an agreement for trading firearms for needed equipment for the department.

Ruben Hernandez asked for a public hearing to be set for the 6-Year Transportation Program. Bruce Bosch made a motion to hold a public hearing on July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss any possible changes to the plan. Gary Debont seconded the motion and the hearing was set. Sumas Days was discussed shortly and water balloons were mentioned as someone complained about getting hit by one while not paying attention. We will try to get that word out for next year. Ruben informed councilmen that he would be speaking with Geri about the possibility of getting a new truck to replace the one Aaron is currently driving. Ruben also told everyone that after attending the Residential Plan Checkers Class, he had passed the test and is now a credentialed Residential Plan Checker!!

The Mayor gave a brief update on the new jail contract saying that all the small cities had signed on but Bellingham was still holding out for more concessions. This is slated to come up for possible passage by the County Council to be put on the ballot this year.

Attorney Wright addressed the council briefly about a contract with Alliance One who does collections for our municipal court. Jim wanted to see a couple things changed and he will bring it back with those changes to the next meeting for authorization.

Bruce Bosch complained about people letting off fireworks in his neighborhood and around town in general, way past what the noise ordinance allows. The police have responded to several calls from he or his wife regarding noise of fireworks. Sometimes it is hard for the police to actually catch someone in the act because there is some lag time between the complaint and the arrival of the police. This will be revisited for some possible changes to Sumas regulations regarding fireworks.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Vouchers #38513 through #38537 in the amount of \$17,333.35 and Payroll Vouchers #20874 plus the Direct Deposit in the amount of \$19,000.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont that carried.

Council excused themselves to Executive Session regarding legal matters for 5-10 minutes at 7:30 p.m.

At 7:40 the regular meeting was reconvened.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to adjourn and Rich Postma seconded the motion which carried.

MAYOR

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER