

MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of August 28, 2017, with all councilmen present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Ruben Hernandez reported for the TV Committee of Gary and Rich, regarding their recommendation for a rate increase. Our current rate is \$45.00 per month per subscriber and we are paying out \$49.11 per month per subscriber. That is only rates not maintenance costs. The recommendation of the committee is to raise monthly TV rates to \$52.00 and Showtime to \$13.00 per month each. A short discussion ensued regarding if we could cut some channels instead of raising rates. Ruben explained that the most expensive channels are the sport channels and people would be pretty unhappy to cut either of those. Otherwise we would have to cut a bunch of channels to even get close to the amount of money needed to break even. Gary Debont made a motion to raise TV rates to \$52.00/mo. And Showtime to \$13.00/mo. effective with September bills with Ordinance #1711. Rich Postma seconded the motion which carried. Jim Wright will update rates in the TV Ordinance.

Chris Haugen used his time to talk to councilmen about Daniel DeBruin, who has been selected to fill the spot of Interim Police Chief. Chris also thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community for such a long time, and that he would be serving as a reserve officer from time to time.

Geri Lewis asked for passage of an ordinance updated the SMC regarding the Sumas Cemetery and how it is run. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass ordinance #1709 amending Chapter 2.30 with regard to setting up the Cemetery Fund 103 and providing for all cemetery business. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Sept. 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for the RV Park Conditional Use Permit. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Sept. 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for an Amendment to Chapter 20.54 Non-Conforming Structures and Uses. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Geri brought up the moratorium on marijuana which expires September 27, 2017. Jim will bring back an ordinance to the next meeting. Geri reported that Nancy Sanford had offered to serve on the Civil Service Commission from January 2017 through December 2020. Another person is still needed, so Geri will send out letters seeking one more citizen to serve the same time period.

Ruben Hernandez reported to councilmen about the TIB paving that Dahlgren Excavating has been doing in various spots around town. Sumas Avenue had several bad spots that have been fixed very well, as well as several other spots. A great job was done with the patching and most of the cost will be paid by a TIB Grant with a 5% match from the City Street Fund. A discussion ensued about the Barbo Rd. RR crossing and how we could get them to fix it. It was decided to approach it as a safety issue when calling.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers # 38707 through #38719 in the amount of \$12,695.40 and Payroll Vouchers #20894 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,000 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch that was seconded by Gary Debont. The motion was approved.

The council went into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Legal issues for 20 mins. At 7:35 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 7:58 a.m.

An amendment to the salary 2017 ordinance was approved after a motion by Gary Debont and a second by Bruce Bosch. Josh Clawson abstained. Ordinance #1710 establishes an Interim Police Chief position that will be paid Six Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents per month. The Maintenance position held by Jason Clawson will be raised to the 5th step which is Five Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Twenty Cents per month. The motion was approved.

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

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer