

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2017

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of October 9, 2017, with all members present except Josh Clawson and Todd Daniels. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

The Mayor opened discussion regarding the RV Park Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and asked City Planner to provide an update. City Planner Rollin Harper addressed the Council and highlighted the revisions that had been incorporated into the draft Report of Decision based on direction received by staff at the previous council meeting. These revisions addressed setbacks, street improvements, lighting and landscape buffers. PWD Hernandez reported on behalf of the Building and Ordinance Committee and indicated the Committee's support for the draft Report of Decision as presented. Hernandez also stated that the Committee had discussed a possible condition that might be added to the permit whereby the council would retain the authority to reduce the number of Extended Stay spaces down to a maximum of one third if concerns arose regarding the two thirds number of spaces. The City Attorney expanded on the possible reasons for such a condition and options available to the Council. It was agreed by the Council that the City Attorney would work with staff to prepare draft conditions for Council consideration at the next meeting.

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding the Heutink Garfield Street Subdivision. Planner Harper went over the information included in the draft Report of Decision and described the components included in the 7-lot subdivision located in the 700 block of Garfield Street. These included wetland buffer averaging, use of permeable concrete, and compliance with the Department of Ecology Stormwater Manual. Larry Honey, 520 Garfield Street, addressed the Council and expressed concern regarding overloading the storm system and the accuracy of FEMA maps. Cyndy Lankhaar Honey, 520 Garfield St., addressed the Council and expressed concern regarding potential impacts to Bald Eagles that use some of the large trees located near the subject site. Jack DeMooy, 438 Lawson Street, expressed concern regarding the limited capacity of the existing stormwater system. The council continued the public hearing and kept the public record open until the next meeting on October 23, 2017.

PWD Hernandez reported on behalf of the Building and Ordinance Committee regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 20.52 SMC addressing non-conforming uses. He stated that the Committee was in support of all proposed revisions as presented. It was decided that the City Attorney would prepare an adopting ordinance to be considered at the next council meeting.

The Personnel Committee was going to review amendments to the City Personnel Policy with regard to medical coverage. Since Todd and Josh were absent the Mayor asked this be brought back on October 23, 2017.

Interim Police Chief Daniel DeBruin introduced to councilmen and the mayor, his choice for a new Reserve Officer, David Smit. Daniel administered the Oath of Office to David who promised to abide by the oath as he begins his career as a Sumas Police Officer. Several family members, friends, and fellow officers were present to support David, who received a clapping ovation from everyone. Daniel also informed councilmen that he would be posting an application for full-time officer in an effort to establish a list for future hiring. He also reported that the Policy Manual has been updated and he also updated our Reserve Policy to current state standards.

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Teresa Josephson to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 2020. She was present at the meeting and is excited to serve on this committee.

Superintendent Hernandez reported that a bore for sewer to pass beneath Hovel Rd. will be done in the near future and that the road will be closed for the period of time it takes to get that job done. The Barbo Rd. railroad crossings have been repaired and they did a really good job.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #38805 through #38858 in the amount of \$166,615.83 and Payroll Vouchers #20905 through #20913 + the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$113,006.66 were approved for payment after a motion from Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the September Manual Checks in the amount of \$7,905.96. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Gary Debont made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER