

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of November 13, 2017, with all councilmen present except Gary DeBont. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

The Finance Committee met regarding allowing purchase of a new public works vehicle in 2018. Ruben Hernandez informed the council of the price for an Ford F150 with strobe and tool box for \$44,380.59 on state bid from Cascade Ford. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow the new car to be ordered for the amount above. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Daniel DeBruin asked councilmen to approve the purchase of a new patrol vehicle from Cascade Ford in the amount of \$38,997.98 on state bid. This vehicle will be unmarked and will only lack the radios and light bars being installed. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow the purchased of the patrol vehicle at the above-mentioned price. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mayor made the announcement that Daniel DeBruin is being promoted to full time Police Chief effective immediately. After a round of applause, Daniel graciously accepted the promotion and informed councilmen that he is getting things together to test the applicants in order to provide a hiring list to the Civil Service Commission to approve. A new officer will be hired from the list and will be sent to the academy as soon as we can get him in.

Geri Lewis asked for a date change of the December 25, 2017 council meeting as that falls on Christmas Day. Todd Daniels made a motion to change the December 25, 2017 meeting to December 26, 2017. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. Geri also asked for a final budget hearing to be set. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set the Final Budget Hearing on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Trunk or Treat went on without a hitch on October 31, 2017, except for street closure permission in advance of the event. Nicole Sandoval Postma requested the closure on the actual day, so Geri called three councilmen, Bruce Bosch, Todd Daniels, and Rich Postma, who were all in favor of closing the street. They were all three in favor of waiving the fee as well. To set the record straight Bruce Bosh made a motion to close Third St. between Sumas Ave. and Cherry St., for Trunk of Treat from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to waive the fee. Todd Daniels seconded the motion which carried. Clerk-Treasurer Lewis asked for passage of an updated resolution for small attractive assets. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass Resolution #770 updating the policy for attractive assets. Todd Daniels seconded the motion which was approved.

Ruben Hernandez explained that Terry Engels had put in a request for a text amendment with regard to allowing residences on the bottom of a building in the Business General zone, by getting a Conditional Use Permit. This would not apply to businesses on Cherry St. or Front St. between Sumas Ave. and Cherry St. Residences above the ground floor are already permitted by Conditional Use in this zone. After some discussion and council approval, Bruce Bosch made a motion to docket the motion for the text amendment from Engels. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried.

Ruben let the council know that DHS, S&T, DRDC, and CSS, called 'Cause V', which is an experiment for emergency coordination from various agencies in the vicinity. This will be held at the Bowen Fields Hovel

Rd. location on November 15 and 16. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve the use of the area mentioned above. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Bromley asked the Finance Committee to meet regarding a change in an RCW which would allow smaller cities to collect an additional per night lodging tax fee from hotels, motels, RV parks, etc.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Vouchers #38899 through #38949 in the amount of \$160,140.50 and Payroll Vouchers #20915 through #20923 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$114,718.93 were approved for payment after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels that carried.

The Manual Checks for October 2017 were approved for payment in the amount of \$6,177.60 after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Josh Clawson.

The October 2017 Treasurer's Report was approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Rich Postma which carried.

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

MAYOR

Attest:

CLERK-TREASURER