

SUMAS CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of December 11, 2017, with all councilmen present except Gary DeBont. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for the filing.

The Public Hearing was opened for the 2018 Budget, no public comment was made. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass Ordinance #1718 adopting the 2018 Budget with cost allocation attachment. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the 2018 Budget was adopted.

Mayor Bromley opened the public hearing regarding the Engels Text Amendment. City Planner, Rollin Harper addressed the Council and described the proposed amendment that would add multifamily dwellings as a conditional use in the Business General zoning district. As proposed, the number of units would be less than 10 (maximum of 9 per project). The conditional use would not apply to properties fronting onto Cherry Street or Front Street. If the amendment is passed, a conditional use permit application would have to be filed and approved by the Council. Bruce Bosch addressed parking issues to Rollin Harper regarding the new text amendment. Harper advised that compliance with parking regulations would have to meet all City codes before the permit is granted. Harper also clarified that the same requirements would be addressed for the property owned by Mr. Engels, who initiated the text amendment. Lisa Starckenberg-Kroontje spoke on behalf of Mr. Engels and presented testimony in support of the Engels Text Amendment. Bruce Bosch moved to close public hearing and Rich Postma seconded it motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened for the Marijuana Moratorium. Jim Wright advised council of the current moratorium the city has in place. No comments were received from the public. Bruce Bosch moved to close the hearing and Todd Daniels seconded it and the hearing was closed. Bruce Bosch made a motion, Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the moratorium was extended

Bruce Bosch moved to pass the Engel Text Amendment Rich Postma seconded it, approved with Ordinance #1719.

The Finance Committee of Bruce Bosch and Gary DeBont met and discussed whether or not to keep the long-term disability that seems to be a waste of money and give employees another option. Bruce Bosch made a motion to cancel the LTD Benefits with Standard Ins., and to give all employees \$50 per month to be applied to some Aflac coverage. Rich Postma seconded the motion to approve this change and the motion carried.

Chief DeBruin advised council members on the new hire. He said everything is progressing and coming to the final couple days. A new police vehicle that was approved by council has been ordered will be here in March or April 2018. All police officers are under civil service including the Police Chief. Chief DeBruin advised the evidence room was coming along and was going to be a big improvement once completed.

Vision Works presented a bid for a new work station for Shelley council approved new equipment. Bruce Bosch moved to approve the new work station. Todd Daniels seconded it, and it carried.

A letter from Bruce Brown regarding an Air BnB was held over to the next council meeting.

Mayor Bromley asked for a public hearing to be set for a CUP for Tank and Tote. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set the hearing for January 8, 2018 at 7 pm. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to change the next council meeting from December 26, 2017, to December 27, 2017, at 6:00 pm. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting date and time was changed.

Ruben talked about the TV rates going up over the next few years because of contractual agreements with many of our current stations. Rates will have to be increased in order to offset the changes. Move forward on KTSW (the CW). Ruben Hernandez asked to replace a diesel tank at the springs at an approximate cost of \$8776.10. The new tank will be a 550-gallon tank/double walled above ground. This will be purchased through Ace Tank which is on state bid. The City Crew will install the tank. Bruce Bosch moved to approve purchase of new tank, Rich Postma seconded it. Motion Carried.

Jim Wright presented the actual Ordinance #1706 which grants the vacation for Heutink, vacating portions of rights-of-ways abutting various lots in Block 12 of the Plat of Sumas. An explanation was given on vacating the alley in entirety so the City does not retain any ownership.

Mayor Bromley advised that the city received \$842.00 because of no injuries as a result of being in the AWC Retro Program.

WTA – No changes

Manuel Checks in the amount of \$16,720.01 were reviewed. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve and Todd Daniels seconded it. Motion Carried A/P Bills in the amount of \$166,298.56 and P/R Bills in the amount of \$121,846.28 were reviewed for payment. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve them, Todd Daniels seconded it. Motion Carried

Video for all new appointed council position and Mayor need to be reviewed with 90 days of office. Council Members agreed to meet at 6:00 pm on December 27, 2017 to view videos before the council meeting. On December 27, 2017, the Oath of Office will be administered for the New Chief of Police, Daniel DeBruin.

Josh Clawson moved to close meeting Rich Postma seconded it. Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

MAYOR

Attest:

Michelle Quinn