MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2018

The Sumas City Council met in regular session with all councilmen present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the March 26, 2018 Council meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

At 7:03pm the public hearing for the Davidson Conditional Use Permit was opened. Rollin Harper, City Planner, addressed the council. The applicant Brian Davidson would like to construct a 4-unit addition to an existing residential duplex located at 341 Cleveland Avenue, which is within the Residential-High Density zone and is subject to the requirements established in Chapter 20.32 of the Sumas Municipal Code. No written comments were submitted. Rollin advised the council of the original site plan revision and the basic standard required parking spaces is 1 ½ parking spaces per unit. The revised plans do not have the basic required parking places. He explained an option for adding the needed spaces was to use the grass strip located adjacent to Cleveland Street between the edge of asphalt and the sidewalk. This area is currently being used for on-street parking even though the area has not been improved to accommodate such use. Condition 13 ensures that the grass strip area will be improved to satisfaction of the Utilities Superintendent to create a minimum of three paved, parallel parking spaces. Council Postma inquired about utilities located in the area of this parking strip. Superintendent Hernandez advised no utilities were located within the area of the parking strip and agrees with all conditions except felt the parking plan would need some revision. Alan Peterson of Bellingham, WA approached the Council. He stated his client Mr. Davidson intends to comply with the Sumas Municipal Code and hopes to beautify the neighborhood with his project. He stated the area in front of the existing duplex is currently being used for parking and should be allowed to be included in the basic standard required parking spaces. Brian Davidson, Everson WA approached the council. He stated that residents of the existing duplex choose to park in the front of the building instead of the parking spaces located in the back of the building. Alan Peterson stated they wanted to keep rental prices down and beautify the property. He also thanked the Council for their time. Rollin informed the Council there was no further testimony. Gary Debont made a motion to close the public hearing, Bruce Bosch seconded the motion. All were in favor and the hearing was closed. Mayor Christensen referred the Davidson CUP to the Building Permits Committee for further review.

Police Chief Debruin informed the council of a new Rite Aid Foundation program for safe medication disposal. The plan is to have a locked disposal cabinet located at Sumas City Hall. Officer Munden will implement a plan to dispose of the contents. Chief reported oral boards for new hire was completed, interviews and offer of employment would be completed next week. He also reported Alex Pluschakov has passed all testing at the academy, with EVOC being the latest accomplishment.

Clerk Schultz presented an amendment to the 2018 salary ordinance. This is needed due to the shift in positions within the Clerk's office. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve Ordinance 1724 amending the Salaries for 2018. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried. She informed the council of the regularly scheduled meeting of May 28th, 2018 falling on the Memorial Day Holiday. Bruce Bosch made a motion to change the meeting to Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 7PM, Todd Daniels seconded the motion. All were in favor and it carried. Shelley briefly spoke regarding the hiring of Clerical Assistant. The deadline for submitting a resume to be considered for the position is Monday April 16, 2018. She also stated office staff is busy learning job duties of new appointed positions.

Mayor Christensen reported the Parks Committee has a meeting with Hal Bronkema April 10, 2018 at 5pm, to discuss the 2018 ball park season. He then reported The Friends of the Library community

clean-up day the morning of Saturday April 7th, 2018 was a huge success, with more than 20 people volunteering, including 42nd Legislative District Representative Luanne Van Werven. Mayor Christensen informed the council of his meeting with two Senator aids and one Congressional aid that took place this afternoon. They toured the Port of Entry and brainstormed about implementing future projects. The projects included new Sumas Rodeo Grounds grandstand and new public service facilities. He also has meetings scheduled with Whatcom County Economic Development Director and with a potential new Industrial Park business.

Attorney Wright requested a meeting with Negotiations Committee with regards to the RFQ for Public Defender.

Superintendent Hernandez reported on a new bid for the new playground to be installed at the newest section of Howard Bowen Park. The bid was $42,483.78 which included freight, shipping and handling. Gary Debont made a motion to purchase the playground equipment, Rich Postma seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

City Planner, Rollin Harper reported on a Density Credit Program the County/City Planners group have been working on. The program hopes to reduce development in rural areas. No action is needed now. Rollin will keep the City Council informed as this program is developed further.

Superintendent Hernandez requested an Executive session on possible litigation with Attorney Wright present at 8:03pm.

At 8:41pm council reconvened to regular session.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39335 and 39341 through 39384 in the amount of $168,343.56 and payroll vouchers 20962 through 20969 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of $140,244.40 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch, seconded by Gary Debont, which carried with all in favor.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer