

## **MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 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 April 9, 2018 Council meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christensen reported for the Parks Committee on Ball field use. Committee recommends adding two soccer fields and will seek future leagues to utilize the new fields.

Attorney Wright reported the Public Defender contract was still in the works.

Superintendent Hernandez reported CUP applicant Davidson will be submitting new plans with redesign on the parking issues to provide adequate parking.

Police Chief Debruin informed the council an employment offer has been made to Kurt Devries. Mr. Devries committed to a mid-June start date. Officer William Debruin will be retiring the end of July 2018. This will give the PD ample time to get Officer Pluschakov through the FTO process period. We will have an overlap period with an added expenditure of approximately \$6316.00. Gary Debont made a motion to approve added expenditure. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried. Chief Debruin reported Alex Pluschakov is excelling at the Police Academy.

Clerk Schultz presented the March 2018 Treasurer's Report, with a city funds balance of 3, 518,673.50. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt the March 2018 TR report. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ruben advised the council of the need for cell phones for the city crew. Gary Debont made a motion to allow the purchase of cell phones and service agreement in the amount of \$171.96 per month. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried. Ruben then requested permission to purchase a new tool cabinet for the Water Department work truck. Gary Debont made a motion to expend \$10,209.29 to purchase the tool cabinet which includes installation. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen reported he has reviewed the first draft of a new jail contract with Whatcom Co. Final draft should be completed end of summer or early fall. Appears the rates will increase. It was also reported US Customs will be going forward with upgrading the port of entry to begin 2020. New nexus lane coming into the US will also be on scheduled in 2019. This should be a plus for supporting business in Sumas. Mayor briefly discussed plans for the Historical Society to preserve historical building within the Sumas city limits. Mayor Christensen is also seeking grants to upgrade the Rodeo grounds bleachers. Mayor Christensen would also like to schedule staff pictures for our website.

Mayor Christensen the requested the Fire District Committee review an extension to our current fire district contract. Bruce Bosch and Josh Clawson will review document.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39420 through 39446 in the amount of \$33,363.47 and payroll voucher 20974 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of \$17,600. Manual Check were in the amount Of \$6,081.26. All bills were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch, seconded by Gary Debont, which carried with all in favor.

Helen Solem of Sumas, WA approached the council and thanked Mayor Christensen for his great ideas.

Superintendent Hernandez requested an Executive session on possible litigation with Attorney Wright present at 7:20pm.

At 7:40pm council reconvened to regular session.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow Mayor Christensen to sign an agreement on a property acquisition. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer