

## **MINUTES OF May 14, 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 23, 2018 Council meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Councilman Bosch reported the Fire District Negotiations Committee met and advised Attorney Wright will finalize proposed contract for review by Fire District #14.

Chief of Police Debruin reported Officer William Debruin will be retiring June 30, 2018. The PD will be planning a retirement party. Daniel also reported Alex Pluschakov is advancing well at the Washington State Police Academy. He also reported the PD's newest hire, Officer Kurt Devries, will start June 5, 2018.

Clerk-Treasurer Schultz presented the April 2018 Treasurer's Report. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt the April 2018 Treasurer's Report. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Shelley reported Catherine Debruin has been hired as Clerical Assistant and has a June 1, 2018 start date. Shelley also reported grant funds for the January 2017 storm have been received. This was for 4 separate projects. One project has been completed and three more may begin as soon as possible.

Shelley reported the Sumas Chamber of Commerce has applied for Special Occasion License with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. They are requesting to have a beer garden at the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Bull-A-Rama from 5pm to 12am. Gary Debont made a motion to allow the beer garden on the requested date but the time shall be changed to 5pm to 11pm. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch called for a public hearing on Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 7pm with regards to the proposed amendment to Business, General zoning district. Gary Debont seconded, all were in favor and the hearing was set.

Ruben advised the council the Sumas Chamber is requesting the yearly contribution of \$2,000.00 for the Sumas Community Days fireworks show. Gary Debont made a motion to expend \$2,000.00 for the fireworks show. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Ruben then reported of repairs needed on sewer pump. Pump Tech will provide repair service costing \$4,976.90. Gary Debont made a motion to expend \$4,976.90 to repair sewer pump. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Ruben also reported of repairs needed on equipment used in the city crew daily operation. Altec, the company that services our equipment gave two quotes for repairs, \$4,022.28 and \$8,945.19. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize expenditure for both repairs. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen reported he attended Sumas Elementary Assembly and Literacy Night. It was a special event and enjoyed reading to the children. It was also very well attended. He then reported the Parks Committee is working on a plan for an updated rodeo grounds event center. Rich Postma made a

motion to move forward with the plan. Josh Clawson seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen then reported WTA will be upgrading the bus stop at Morton Street & Sumas Ave.

Mayor Christensen spoke briefly on a preliminary flood plain map currently be developed by FEMA. This map would severely hinder growth in Sumas. The city will respond to what seems to be an unjustified change due to previous studies.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39456 and 39483 through 39534 in the amount of \$212,921.73 and payroll voucher 20975 through 20982 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of \$116,112.63. Manual Check were in the amount Of \$8,106.40. All bills were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch, seconded by Gary Debont, which carried with all in favor.

Council went into Executive session on possible litigation with Attorney Wright present at 7:25pm.

At 7:55pm council reconvened to regular session.

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