

MINUTES OF May 29, 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 May 14, 2018 Council meeting were approved for filing with one noted change.

At 7:03pm the Public Hearing for Amendment to Business General Zoning District was opened. Superintendent Hernandez reported an over site in the previous amendment allowing for conditional use permit for residential in the Business General Zoning District. It was intended for only North of Front street and that was not specified in the amendment. Helen Solem residing at 4289 Rock Rd., Sumas WA approached the council questioning the location effected. Attorney Wright explained the change to the code would restrict ground floor residential building South of Front Street in the Business General Zoning District. At 7:07pm Todd Daniels made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Josh Clawson seconded the motion. All were in favor and it carried.

Gary Debont made a motion to pass Ordinance #1725 Amending Section 20.40.030 of the Sumas Municipal Code and Clarifying the Locations within the Business, General Zoning District Where Multi Family Dwellings are allowed as a Conditional Use. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen reported there will be a Parks Committee meeting after the Council meeting tonight to discuss plans at Bowen Fields.

Chief Debruin advised the council of the need to upgrade radar and PBT equipment. The expense would be approximately \$4000 and paid out of restricted seizure funds. There was no objection to the requested purchase.

Ruben Hernandez requested permission to purchase a used tractor with side arm mower for keeping ditches and city streets clear. Brim tractor is asking \$32,610 for the equipment. Gary Debont made a motion to purchase the tractor and side arm mower. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Ruben then reported the Davidson CUP is moving forward and new plans will be submitted soon.

Mayor Christensen reported he had been reviewing the new jail contract proposed by Whatcom County. The rates will be increasing but is still the only option for jail services within Whatcom County. The Mayor requested approval to execute the contract. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to execute the jail contract. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

The Mayor then reported the ribbon cutting for the newest business in Sumas, Miner's Lady Coffee House, went well and he enjoyed the experience.

Mayor Christensen reported of a possible meeting with FEMA to discuss the preliminary flood map.

Councilman Debont suggested another crosswalk be added on Cherry Street near Miner's Lady Coffee House. Superintendent Hernandez will check with Washington State DOT as Cherry Street is a state highway.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39543 through 39565 in the amount of \$24,284.01 and payroll voucher 20983 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of \$9,600.00. 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 8:19pm council reconvened to regular session.

Gary Debont made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to move forward with the acquisition of the Noble Street property and sign closing documents.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer