

MINUTES OF June 25, 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 June 11, 2018 council meeting were approved for filing.

Lizette Custer, residing at 409 Lawson Street in Sumas, invited the council to a Potluck Wednesday, June 27th at the Sumas Senior Center. Becky Johns, volunteer at the Sumas Senior Center, informed the city council of an upcoming potluck/talent show that will be held at the Sumas Senior Center on August 1st at 6pm.

Superintendent Hernandez reported for the TV Committee. He explained it is not financially feasible to sustain without continuing to raise rates. More research will be done to determine the future of the Sumas TV Cable System. Mayor Christensen reported it would cost \$100,000 or more to upgrade the system.

Chief DeBruin reminded the council of the Officer DeBruin retirement party June 29th, 2018 in council chambers from 1-3pm. Daniel then reported all new radar and PBT equipment had been purchased.

Chief DeBruin advised the council of a special event team he would like Officer Devries and Pluschakov to join. This is a multi-agency team that provides crowd control at events within Whatcom County. Both Kurt and Alex were on the team with their previous employers and feels it would be a good source of training they could pass on to other Sumas officers. He explained it would cost approximately \$1000 per officer to equip them. Daniel will check into possibly borrowing or having some equipment donated.

Clerk-Treasurer Schultz informed the council of the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2018-2023 and the need for a public hearing. Bruce Bosch called for a public hearing on July 9th, 2018 at 7PM to receive public comment on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2018-2023. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Superintendent Hernandez advised the council of the need to close Cherry Street for the Sumas Days Parade. Gary Debont made a motion to close Cherry Street June 30 at 11am for the Sumas Days Parade. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Superintendent Hernandez advised the council two temporary soccer fields will be used until permanent fields are planned. Ruben requested permission to purchase two goal posts with nets for a cost of \$2,825.60. Gary Debont made a motion to purchase the soccer goal posts in the amount of \$2,825.60. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen reported fun was had by all celebrating the City of Sumas 127th anniversary at the Sumas Museum during Pioneer Days. Kyle then informed the council closing of the Noble Street property was completed June 15th and now owned by the City of Sumas. He reminded everyone of Sumas Days June 30th.

Mayor Christensen informed the council an agreement for public defender services is in the works and should be ready to present at the next council meeting. Attorney Wright is on board and in his opinion a good option for the City of Sumas.

Councilman Debont registered a complaint about the noise at the local go-cart track. Superintendent Hernandez and Chief Debruin will review the noise ordinance and proceed accordingly.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39628 through 39661 in the amount of \$67,799.95 and payroll voucher 20992 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of \$19,850. 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 7:30pm.

At 7:55pm council reconvened to regular session.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer