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

At 7:03pm the Public Hearing the Six -Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2018/2023 was opened. Superintendent Hernandez reported the program was a list of projects for the City of Sumas to be submitted to the Washington State DOT. Ruben confirmed each project. At 7:08pm Todd Daniels made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Bruce Bosch seconded the motion. All were in favor and it carried.

Councilman Bosch made a motion to pass Resolution 772 adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2018-2023. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen requested the TV Committee meet regarding new information from MRSC.

Chief DeBruin was happy to report Officer Devries completed the FTO training and is now patrolling on his own. Daniel then reported Alex Pluschakov will graduate from the police academy on July 19 and will start his FTO training on July 20.

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 of the need to attend the 2018 Evergreen Rural Water of Washington Fall Conference and Tradeshow. He and Jason Clawson will be attending. Ruben reported Lift station #2 had passed electrical inspection and the job would be completed next week. Lift station #3 is completely installed and working pristinely since installed.

Mayor Christensen presented the contract for Indigent Defense to the council. There was discussion of when the city would need to seek an extension or publish a new RFQ. It was determined September 2018 would be appropriate. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the contract. Gary Debont seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen reported Sumas Community Days went very well considering the rain. He stated the Bull-A-Rama had an average turn out and ran smoothly. Kyle advised he will start a new program, coffee with Mayor, the date and time to be announced.

Mayor Christensen informed the council of his attendance at the AWC conference and training held in Yakima, WA. He stated he is excited and looking to the future with new ideas. Kyle reported the proposed Fire District 14 contract will be presented at the July 10th commissioners meeting.

Mayor Christensen recommended prohibiting crypto currency processors within the City of Sumas. Superintendent Hernandez reported the high kilowatt use these types of business need could cause the City of Sumas to be moved from tier 1 to tier 2 within the BPA rate structure. This means rates for purchasing power would increase and in turn residential, commercial and industrial electric rates would increase as well. Attorney Wright will draft an ordinance.

Mayor Christensen inquired on the search for tractor and side arm mower. Superintendent Hernandez reported Whatcom County will retire and surplus multiple tractors with side arm mowers. He will consider the condition to determine if the city should try to purchase one.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39662 through 39701 in the amount of $293,637.82 and payroll voucher 20993 through 21000 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of $147,537.85. 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 8:10pm 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