

MINUTES OF July 23, 2018

The Sumas City Council met in regular session with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the July 9, 2018 council meeting were approved for filing.

Mayor Christensen reported for the TV Committee on the future of the Sumas Cable TV. The committee is recommending sending a letter out to the community notifying them of issues the City of Sumas is facing with cost of running the TV Cable System. And calling for a public hearing to voice opinions within the community. Councilman Daniels suggested putting together all the options available and including these items in the letter sent out to the community. Bruce Bosch called for a public hearing September 10, 2018 at 7pm to address the future of the Sumas Cable TV System. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen advised the Parks Committee had met. The new playground equipment has arrived. The original location must be changed due to the new plan for two additional baseball diamonds. The committee will meet again at Bowen Fields after the meeting.

Mayor Christensen reported for Chief Debruin in his absence. Alex Pluschakov graduated from the police academy and has started field training with Officer Fuhrman.

Clerk-Treasurer Schultz advised the Council of the need to call for a public hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by HD Investments for the property located at 404 E. Front Street. Councilman Bosch called for a public hearing August 13, 2018 at 7pm for the HD Investments CUP located at 404 E. Front Street. Councilman Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Schultz advised the Council of the need to call for a public hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by HD Investments for the property located in the 300 block of Harrison Avenue. Councilman Bosch called for a public hearing August 13, 2018 at 7pm for the HD Investments CUP located in the 300 block of Harrison Avenue. Councilman Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Schultz advised the Council of the need to call for a public hearing regarding a Conditional Use Permit and Variance application submitted by Chuck Beardslee for the property located in the 200 block of W. Third Street. Councilman Bosch called for a public hearing August 13, 2018 at 7pm for the Beardslee CUP and Variance located in the 200 block of W. Third Street. Councilman Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Superintendent Hernandez reported the Davidson CUP will be moving forward as soon as new plans are submitted. Ruben reported new soccer goals have been assembled and waiting on final dimensions of fields from Sam. Ruben then spoke to the council of the need to upgrade our current basketball hoops located at Sumas Avenue and First Street. He presented a quote and no motion was needed for purchase as it is under the threshold for council approval.

Superintendent Hernandez reported items have been delivered for Sewer Lift Station #2 and plan to complete panel change out August 8th. Ruben then reported the motor went out on Well 4-R. The plan is to install new motor and pump on Thursday, July 26th, 2018.

Shelley presented a letter from the Sumas Chamber requesting permission to have a beer garden at the Sumas Rodeo Grounds September 15, 2018 from 5pm to 11pm. This will be during the second Bull-A-Rama of the summer season. Councilman Daniels made a motion to allow the beer garden on September 15, 2018 from 5pm to 11pm. Rich Postma seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Mayor Christensen informed the council of a contract he would like to enter into with Whatcom County regarding buildable land analysis. Attorney Wright advised of a change he would like made to section 30.2. Councilman Bosch made a motion to allow Mayor Christensen to sign the contract with the noted change requested by Attorney Wright. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, it carried with all in favor.

Mayor Christensen informed the council of a new event, Coffee with the Mayor. The first get together will be held at Bob's Burger and Brew, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 10:30am. He is excited to interact with community members and allow them to voice ideas and opinions.

Attorney Wright spoke to the council regarding the Friendship Diversion Services. He has reviewed the final draft of the contract, ordinance and resolution needed to adopt this alternative program to standard incarceration. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1727 creating an electronic home detention program. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion adopting Resolution 773 establishing eligibility standards and fees related to home detention program. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried. Councilman Bosch then made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the services agreement with Friendship Diversion Services. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Attorney Wright presented a cryptocurrency mining moratorium ordinance. He also informed the council of the need for a public hearing.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve June 2018 Manual checks. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher 39715 through 39747 in the amount of \$200,923.43 and payroll voucher 21001 plus the direct deposit run in the amount of \$18,850.00. All bills were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch, seconded by Todd Daniels, which carried with all in favor.

Councilman Bosch made a motion to adopt the June 2018 Treasurer's report. Josh Clawson seconded the motion, all were in favor and it carried.

Helen Solem, residing at 4289 Rock road, Sumas, approached the council. She inquired on when and where she could pick up documents regarding the 404 E. Front Street Conditional Use Permit application. Superintendent Hernandez advised Ms. Solem documents could be picked up at Sumas City Hall July 25, 2018.

At 7:35pm Mayor Christensen requested executive session regarding possible litigation with Attorney Wright present. At 8:07pm council reconvened to regular session.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1728 regarding cryptocurrency moratorium and called for a public hearing regarding the matter on September 10, 2018 at 7pm.

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