

Minutes of October 08, 2018

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of Monday, October 08, 2018 with all councilman present but Bruce Bosch. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

The TV Committee, Gary DeBont and Rich Postma had met and are still reviewing options with the Sumas TV cable. With either shutting the cable down, selling or leasing the cable system. Gary DeBont suggested the decision would need to be made by the December 2018 deadline, to meet the February 2019 special ballot. The city has had some interest on buying the cable system.

The Building and Ordinance Committee Todd Daniels and Rich Postma had met and recommended to approve Thomas and Linda Youngs Conditional Use Permit. Todd Daniels motioned to approve CUP and Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor and motion carried.

The Building and Ordinance Committee Todd Daniels and Rich Postma had met on the Davidson Conditional Use Permit, recommend to close CUP and Mr. Davidson would need to reapply when he wanted to move forward with the CUP again. Todd Daniels motioned to deny the Conditional Use Permit at this time and Rich Post seconded it, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Building and Ordinance Committee, Todd Daniels and Rich Postma had met regarding the Invocation Ordinance. Todd Daniels, advised it would have to be open to all dominations and wanted all council members input. Mayor Christensen advised it would be all voluntary on anyone's part. Attorney Wright advised it could be done prior to the council meeting before the pledge of allegiance. Gary DeBont says it needs to be open to all religions. The council members will take under advisement and report back.

Chief DeBruin advised the new CAD radio program installed all the police cars is completed. The new system has many great features. New Crime Star server is still in the updating stages and will be done in a couple of weeks.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, Presented Resolution 777 to change the signers on the Peoples Bank accounts. Gary DeBont moved to accept resolution 777 and Todd Daniels, seconded all were in favor motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Supervisor, update on the assembly of the playground equipment closer to being done. Concrete is scheduled to be delivered this week to fill in the holes. Researching what kind of material to put on the base and cost.

Ruben also advised that Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the Kneuman Road Creek clean up. The equipment will be arriving Oct 15-19, 2018 to clear out debris.

Ruben presented a quote from Platt for an Infrared Scanner for the maintenance of the electrical lines. The cost would come out of the light department. Gary DeBont motioned to purchase the scanner for \$9,781.91 and Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, also presented a Whatcom County Interlocal agreement allowing Whatcom County to share any surplus funds they do not use from the EEI funds; Whatcom County will share funds with other jurisdictions. Gary DeBont motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Whatcom County PUD and Todd Daniels, seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor, updated that the budget planning was on track and he had met with all the department heads and had a few recommendations from them. The Budget process is moving forward.

Kyle, also updated on improving the power outage, working on ways to improve communication with community. The Facebook posting with regards to power outage information has had good feedback.

Kyle attended the Senator Erickson's meeting with the community. The meeting went well.

Kyle reminded everyone about the Chamber Meeting coming up on October 10th at noon at El Nopal.

Kyle also advised the Community Connections meeting was at the library on October 22 at 2:00 pm.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, advised the Council the November 12, 2018 is a holiday and needs to be rescheduled. Gary DeBont motioned to move date and Todd Daniels seconded, all in favor to move the meeting to Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Gary DeBont made a motion to pay the bills, Todd Daniels seconded, all in favor.

Gary DeBont made a motion to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report and Todd Daniels, seconded, all in favor motion carried

Gary DeBont made a motion to adopt the September manual checks and Todd Daniels, seconded, all in favor motion carried

Josh Clawson moved to close the meeting and Todd Daniels, seconded, all in favor motion carried