

## **Minutes of November 26, 2018**

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of Tuesday, November 26, 2018 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christenson opened the meeting with the public hearing for the 2019 Preliminary Budget and Revenue Sources for 2019 Budget with possible increase in property tax revenues. Opened meeting to any public comments; Becky Jahns with the Sr. Community Center, would like to request an increase from the City that they give the Sr. Community Center each year to \$3200.00 for 2019. Gary DeBont moved to close the public hearing; Todd Daniels seconded all were in favor motion carried.

Finance Director Shelley Schultz will bring back the budget showing the adjusted amount to the Sr. Community Center at the next meeting for the council to approve.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input, there was none.

Mayor Christensen advised that Building and Ordinance Committee had met, Ruben Hernandez updated council on the meeting. Ruben advised that committee is recommending bringing a finalized permanent ordinance regarding the crypto currency. The committee also had discussion on the Marijuana Moratorium they also want to make the ordinance permanent too.

Mayor Christensen called for the TV Committee to meet before the next council meeting.

Mayor Christensen also called for the Finance Committee to meet regarding the Nooksack Valley Disposal new contract proposed.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, brought up the property tax increase, the ordinance was included in the council's packet approving a 1% percent increase. The recommendation of the Finance Director is to approve the increase. Gary DeBont motioned to approved Ordinance 1732 Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Shelley Schultz, also called for Final Budget hearing on December 10, 2018. Gary DeBont motioned to call for a public hearing for the final budget hearing Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Shelley Schultz presented the council with information about new business license requirements. The new state laws now require any business doing business within the city limits has to have a business license with the City of Sumas. The Financial Committee will need to meet to set a money threshold amount for companies doing business in Sumas.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, presented Ordinance 1733 with regards to parking requirements from 1.5 spaces to two per dwelling. Bruce Bosch motioned to approved Ordinance 1733 Gary DeBont seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Ruben provided information from the Nooksack Valley Disposal rate increase proposal. Bruce Bosch would like Superintendent Hernandez to reach out to surrounding small cities to see what their rates are and bring the information to the finance meeting.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk asked for Third Street to be closed on the evening of December 3, 2018 for Christmas in the park. Gary DeBont approved the road closure Bruce Bosch seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Gary DeBont moved to waive the road closure fee, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, advised that the council meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 will need to be rescheduled due to the holiday. The council meeting was moved to December 24, 2018 at 11:30 am. Gary DeBont motioned to change the meeting time Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor motion carried.

Kyle Christensen advised the office staff did a nice job putting together a brochure with 250 words or less to hand out to people wanting to know about Sumas.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any old business; no old business was brought up.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40071 thru #40089 in the amount of \$104,520.41 and payroll vouchers #21037 and direct deposit in the amount of \$19,250.00. All bills were approved after a motion from Bruce Bosch, seconded by Gary DeBont, all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson motioned to adjourn the meeting Todd Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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City Clerk