

Minutes of December 10, 2018

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of Monday December 10, 2018 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christenson opened the meeting with the public hearing for the 2019 Final Budget.

Mayor Christenson asked if there was any public comment for the Final Budget; Helen Solomon had some questions about the budget regarding the Economic Development Fund, CJ Low Pop and REET 1 and 2. Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, advised Ms. Solomon what each fund is used for.

Becky Johns, also had some questions about the economic development loan process. Ms. Johns was interested in the process of how to apply for the loan. The steps on how to apply for a loan was explained by Finance Director Shelley Schultz.

Kyle Christensen asked if there were any other comments no one had any more questions. Todd Daniels moved to close the public hearing; Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor motion carried.

Bruce Bosch moved to adopt Ordinance 1734, adopting the 2019 Budget. Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor motion carried.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the proposed amendments to the City's Flood Ordinance. Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about the amendment proposals for the City's Flood Ordinance, FEMA is currently updating their flood mapping; this will be changing a flood panel in the Sumas City Limits forcing us to adopt the new FEMA requirements and map. FEMA has made some comments on our current Flood Ordinance. Rollin Harper, recommends leaving the public hearing open to allow for more response from FEMA until December 24, 2018 council meeting.

Mayor Christensen asked if anyone else had a comment during the public hearing; Helen Solomon came forward with questions regarding the FEMA flood map and affecting her home. Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, advised the FEMA map was projected and was not set yet. Rollin Harper, City Planner, explained that the FEMA maps proposed are based on the Nooksack overflow. The City of Sumas is challenging some of the proposals from FEMA which is a few years away.

Mayor Christensen asked for Finance Committee updates and TV Committee updates. The Finance Committee deferred to Shelley Schultz with the finance committee updates. The TV committee looked in to special elections which will not be happening at this time the committee will need to meet again to review the TV decision for the future.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about Multi-Family Residential Landscaping proposal that has been submitted by the planning commission. They have made recommendation on the requirements for Multi-Family Dwelling Landscaping for the council to review for a final ordinance to be drafted. Bruce Bosch motions to proceed with bringing a final ordinance to the council and Rich Postma seconded the motion all were in favor motion carried.

Chief DeBruin updated that police department received the night vision goggles with the grant money that was applied for from Stonegarden.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, 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. Jim Wright, City Attorney went through the ordinance pointing out the state requirements and what the city will be doing in response to the state changes with the new ordinance. Jim stated this ordinance will need to be adopted by the January 2019. Bruce Bosch motioned to adopt Ordinance 1737, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelley Schultz, presented the 2019 Salary Ordinance Bruce Bosch motioned to adopt Ordinance 1736, the 2019 Salary Ordinance Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried

Shelley Schultz presented an amendment to the 2018 Salary Ordinance in regards to Chief DeBruin who moved to Step 2 for his one-year completion in the Chief position. Todd Daniels moved to approve Ordinance 1735 amending the 2018 Salary Ordinance Bruce Bosch seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelly Schultz also presented the Wellness Program to be adopted into our personnel policy. After one year on the program a 2% decrease in the City's health insurance premiums. With the saving the city can put it towards wellness in our community or towards our employee's wellness. Bruce Bosch motioned to accept the Wellness Program, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, spoke about the Hovel Estate Phase 2 stating it is mostly completed with some minor projects, Ruben recommends that the council sign off on Phase 2. Bruce Bosch moved to approve Hovel Estates Phase 2 Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez advised he received a state bid for a Mini Excavator Kubota with a detachable mower for \$93,960.28. Bruce Bosch motioned to purchase the excavator Rich Postma seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez updated the council on the Nooksack Valley Disposal Rate Increase request, he advised that the City of Nooksack and City of Everson all have the same rates and have had the same request from Nooksack Valley Disposal for a rate increase. Bruce Bosch made a motion for the Mayor to sign the new contract with Nooksack Valley Disposal and Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen spoke about Santa in the Park saying it was a great success with the community.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40095 thru #40137 in the amount of \$61,663.58 and payroll vouchers #21038-21045 and direct deposit in the amount of \$123,911.40. All bills were approved after a motion from Bruce Bosch, seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk