

## **Minutes of December 24, 2018**

The Sumas City Council met on the morning of Monday December 24, 2018 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christensen opened the meeting with the public hearing for the Amendment to Chapter 14.30 For the Flood Insurance Programs

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public comment regarding this ordinance, there was no comments. Bruce Bosch moved to close the public hearing; Todd Daniels seconded all were in favor motion carried.

Bruce Bosch moved to adopt Ordinance 1738, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor motion carried.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police advised the council that he has ordered the new patrol car.

Shelly Schulz, Finance Director, presented the new State Business License Ordinance with a revised section from the current council meeting.

Bruce Bosch moved to adopt Ordinance 1739 Regarding Business Licenses, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor motion carried.

Shelly Schulz, Finance Director advised the City Council needs to decide on the new Washington State Employment Family and Medical Leave. Shelley would like to know if the City will pay the premium or the employee. Josh Clawson made a motion for the City to pay the employee portion of the family and medical leave program, Bruce Bosch seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, presented to the council a Budget Amendment for 2018 showing an adjustment for the trust funds budgeted in 2018. Bruce Bosch motioned to adopt Ordinance 1740, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelly Schultz also presented the Finance Report, Bruce Bosch motioned to adopt November Finance Report, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40141 thru #40163 in the amount of \$118,892.97 and payroll vouchers #21046 and direct deposit in the amount of \$22,848.00. All bills were approved after a motion from Bruce Bosch, seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch motioned to approve the manual checks, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, spoke about the recent weather and power outage and advised that it was PSE transmission site and did not involve the city utilities. But the street lights on Bob Mitchell were damaged from the storm they will need to be rewired and repaired.

Ruben Hernandez advised he is becoming the Operator of Record for the water with the Department of Health, he currently passed the WDM2 Test we are now in compliance with our population size.

Mayor Christensen updated the council about the TV; we are going to continue any contracts through 2019 until a decision is made regarding the TV Cable.

Mayor Christensen advised that there was a free Community Meal at the Senior Center from 2-4 today.

Kyle updated the council about the community survey it was coming along hoping in a month or two for the survey to be completed. Possibly having a copy of questionnaire to provide council in January for review prior to sending out.

Kyle advised in the packet was the Sehome Planning contract for 1 year and the only change was a raise in the hourly rate to \$85.00. Bruce Bosch motioned for the Mayor to sign the one-year contract with Sehome Planning, Rollin Harper, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen advised in packet was a letter to Whatcom County Sheriff's Office allowing Sehome Planning, Rollin Harper to work on our Whatcom County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bruce Bosch motioned for the Mayor to sign the letter allowing for Rollin Harper, Sehome Planning to represent the City of Sumas regarding the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; Todd Daniels seconded the motion 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