

Minutes of January 14, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on January 14, 2019 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December 24, 2018 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Julie Meyers Director for Meals on Wheels, this service provides the meals to the Sr. Center for the weekly luncheons. Ms. Meyers presented the council with an agreement contract between the Meals on Wheels and the City of Sumas. Bruce Bosch moved to allow the Mayor to sign the contract and Todd Daniels seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jen Lautenbach representing the Nooksack Valley School District Bond Committee was updating the council on the bond that would benefit the Sumas Elementary School in Sumas if the bond passed. The new school will be built behind all the old school building, the old school will then be demolished after the completion of the new school.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police informed the council that Officer Kurt DeVries has been appointed the new firearm instruction for the police department.

Shelley Schulz, Finance Director, asked for permission to order a new computer workstation with all the city programs the cost will be \$1474.68. Bruce Bosch moved to allow for the purchase of the new workstation, Rich Postma seconded the motion all were in favor motion carried.

Shelley Schulz, Finance Director presented the Whatcom County Humane Society Contract with no changes from the current contract. Todd Daniels moved to allow the Mayor to sign the contract and Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director, looked in to some investing options with US Bank per the finance committee. Shelley would like permission to establish a banking relationship with US Bank they have dedicated department for just government banking. Bruce Bosch motioned to establish a banking relation with US Bank, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, advised that lift station #4 (on Front Street) had a major pump failure. The pump was sent it out to see what caused the major damage, he also ordered a new pump with a value of \$4635.64 wo/tax or wo/freight included in that cost. The new pump was already in the budget for 2019. Ruben moved forward and ordered a new one.

Ruben Hernandez also advised he received notice from the City of Abbotsford with the new sewer rates for 2019. We currently have the option to send 394,525 gallons a day in flow Abbotsford has raised it to 400,020 gallons a day in flow for the new year. The 2019 rate will remain the same as 2018.

Ruben Hernandez updated the council on the new infrared scanner, the crew has found 6 hot spots with the new scanner these will need to be repaired in the future.

Ruben also advised that the crew are working on tree trimming throughout the city while the trees have no leaves.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for 3 public hearing for February 11, 2019.

First public hearing is for City of Sumas Municipal Code adding new definitions and new sections prohibiting all business use involving Marijuana. Bruce Bosch motioned to call for the public hearing and Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor

Second public hearing is for the Draft amendments regarding short term rentals. Bruce Bosch motioned to call for the public hearing and Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor.

Third public hearing is for Chapter 20.57 Landscaping regulations codified in this chapter are adopted. Bruce Bosch motioned to call for the public hearing and Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor

Michelle Quinn also advised that the Civil Service Council Representative Todd Daniels has expired. Mayor Christensen reappointed Todd Daniels for the next two years to be the civil service representative for the council.

Mayor Kyle Christensen informed the council about how the Sumas Community Survey was coming along and if they had any input with regards to the survey. No members had any input at this time, the Mayor would like to put this survey in with the March newsletter.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the Event Center, due to pricing the sitting compacity has been changed from 5000 seating to 3500 seating compacity. Kyle and Ruben have been working on getting paperwork submitted to the house and the senate for \$3,706,250.00 for the event center completion. The Mayor is planning to go to Olympia and meeting with our representatives on January 25, 2019 to submit the paperwork to request the funds for the new Event Center.

Mayor Christensen advised he and his wife delivered more Welcome Baskets to the new residents in town.

Kyle also advised that the Minor's Coffee Shop is having a grand reopening on January 17, 2019.

Mayor Christensen moved to allow Jim Ackerman the Mayor of Nooksack to the WTA Board Member to represent the City of Sumas. Josh Clawson motion to appoint Mayor Ackerman to be the WTA board member for Sumas, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40168 thru #40220 in the amount of \$314,640.24 and payroll vouchers #21047 -21054 and direct deposit in the amount of \$119,479.21. 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 in the amount \$14,812.80, Todd Daniels seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Executive Session was called with Attorney Wright

The meeting came back into session, Bruce Bosch made a motion to revisit the Wheels on Meals contract with it to be reviewed by the city attorney and staff before the Mayor signs it, 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.