

## Minutes of January 28, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on January 28, 2019 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

### No Citizen Input

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, advised he met with BPA representative and they advised they will be raising their rates in October 2019 with a possible 3.9% increase. BPA will have the final rate increase in June or July 2019.

Ruben Hernandez also informed the council that the new excavator has been delivered to the City and it is awesome.

Mayor Kyle Christensen informed the council about how the meeting with our Legislation Representative down in Olympia went, they recommended the city resubmit the grant request with a lower money request then the \$2,975,000.00 that we originally asked for. Mayor Christensen is going to resubmit the request for under \$2,000,000.00, he asked for the parks committee to meet Josh Clawson and Rich Postma and visit the upgrading of the arena seeing what can be done on lowering the amount needed.

Mayor Christensen is going to reach out to local business in the county to see if there are any other grant funding available.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about the contract with the Whatcom Council on Aging presented to the council. Jim updated the contract with some of their current changes and advised it should be sent to them for their review.

The bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40226 thru #40267 in the amount of \$129,852.42 and payroll vouchers #21055 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$19,950.00. All bills were approved after a motion from Bruce Bosch, seconded by Gary DeBont, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch motioned to accept the December 2018 Finance Report, Gary DeBont seconded the motion all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson made a recommendation to possibly use the old BMX Park to build a fenced dog park. Shelley Schultz, Finance Director advised she has received some proposal for a dog park.

Mayor Christensen asked the Parks Committee to meet on the dog park for a recommendation.

Gary DeBont had received a citizen complaint regarding the low flying airplanes over the city coming from the Abbotsford Airport. Mayor Christensen will put together a letter for the review of the council about approaching Abbotsford Airport about maybe rerouting planes that are flying over Sumas. Attorney Wright will research a letter we may have sent in the past regarding the same concerns of planes flying over the city.

Liz Custer advised the council that the Abbotsford Newspaper had a good article about the increase in flights out of the Abbotsford Airport it is up 60%.

Executive Session was called with City Attorney Wright

The meeting came back into session and Josh Clawson motioned to adjourn the meeting Todd Daniels seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Clerk