

Minutes of February 25, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on February 25, 2019 with all councilman present besides Bruce Bosch and Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input. Mayor Christensen clarified about the Tri-Star Cup application and that the written comment period is open to March 1, 2019. Mayor Christensen advised that the public hearing for the Tri-Star CUP has not been scheduled yet. Any public input made tonight regarding the Tri-Star Cup will not apply to the application request until the public hearing is called then the comments can be made.

Citizen input was made by John Krieg regarding the Tri-Star Brick and Block. Mr. Krieg expressed his concerns about the environmental hazards and the impact on the community. Mr. Krieg was concerned about Tri-Star being built next to a residential area and he feels this not worth the impact it will have on him family.

Chief Dan DeBruin advised that Officer DeVries attended a tactical casualty combat course and as part of that course Officer DeVries identified an area that the Police Department could improve on which was the medical kits in the vehicles. Each officer should have in their vehicles a standardized trauma medical kit. Officer DeVries put together what would be needed in each kit and ordered the supplies.

Chief DeBruin also invited the council members to do a ride along with the officers, it is a great opportunity for the members to get to see how the officers works. Chief DeBruin appreciates all the support from the council members regarding the equipment that they approve for use on patrol.

Chief DeBruin brought up the surveillance equipment or lack of at the city hall and police department. Dan is researching surveillance cameras for the city hall, court room and the police department that can record, hopefully by the next council meeting he will have some options and prices.

Shelley Schultz, Finance Director presented Ordinance 1742 amending the 2019 Salary Ordinance, Shelley asked Chief DeBruin to speak regarding this request. Dan advised that Officer Pluschakov has reached his 1-year employment date, Officer Pluschakov is doing a great job and learning fast. Chief DeBruin feels it is appropriate that Officer Pluschakov be moved up on the next pay step. Todd Daniels moved to approve Ordinance 1742 to amend the 2019 Salary Ordinance, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, spoke about the Short-Term Rental Ordinance he asked Rollin Harper, City Planner to explain the ordinance presented at the last council meeting.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke regarding the public hearing on February 11, 2109, in support of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance 1744. Rollin and the Attorney Wright had made a minor change to clarify the waiver section. The clarification is with what could be dealt with administratively; health and safety items could not be waived administratively. Todd Daniels moved to approve Ordinance 1744 Short-Term Rentals, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke regarding the public hearing on February 11, 2109, in support of the Landscaping Ordinance 1745. The ordinance that was presented was developed by the planning commission with no changes regarding multifamily developments. Josh Clawson moved to approve the Landscaping Ordinance 1745, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about Prohibiting Marijuana Businesses Ordinance 1743, that was presented at the public hearing on February 11, 2019. The ordinance presented at this time has no changes and replaces the temporary moratorium in place. Todd Daniels moved to approve Ordinance 1743 Prohibiting Marijuana Businesses, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40329 thru #40377 in the amount of \$66,905.85 and payroll vouchers #21064 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$19,950.00. All claims and payroll vouchers were approved by a motion from Rich Postma, seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

Rich Postma motioned to adopt the January 2019 Finance Report, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motioned carried.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk