

Minutes of April 08, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on April 08, 2019 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input.

Helen Solmon is concerned about the FEMA Maps that became effective January 2019 and how this will affect the Sumas Residents and the flood way. Mayor Christensen advised Ms. Solomon that the City of Sumas has responded to FEMA with the city's concerns with the new flood way and at this time are waiting for FEMA to respond. Once FEMA responds, the community will have opportunity to have input regarding the changes FEMA is presenting.

Bruce Brown, also spoke about his concerns about the proposed FEMA map, Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director spoke about two different things going on with FEMA. The City of Nooksack did adopt the FEMA map as of January 18, 2019, but that did not affect the modeling of the City of Sumas. The City of Sumas is still zoned AE. FEMA is still processing the city's request to change the proposed flood way, and nothing has been decided yet.

Steven Brock spoke about the property located on Kneuman Road advising there is a large hole that needs to be marked and covered for safety reasons. Ruben will put a steel cover over the hole until it can be repaired.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police advised the council the Officer Kurt DeVries successfully completed 80 hours of firearm training and is now a Certified Firearm Instructor.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director, advised that a sidewalk grinder has been rented for the week to repair the sidewalks.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director, also advised that the city crew are currently working on cleaning up the ditches. This will help with allowing the water to flow better after it rains.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director updated the council about the request for assistance from FEMA stemming from the wind storm in December 2018. Ruben applied for \$15,574.00 in help to fix the damages and it is still processing for the reimbursement.

Mayor Christenson spoke about the cleanup days and that is was well attended, he appreciated the Friends of the Library volunteering and putting together the pancake breakfast.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills that were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher # 40465 thru #40508 in the amount of \$47,720.16 and payroll vouchers #21074-21081 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$125,210.18. Bruce Bosch moved to approve the claims and payroll vouchers and it was seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Todd Daniels brought up the shed by the tennis courts that appears to be a falling down and the conditions of the building seem to be unsafe. Michelle Quinn informed Todd that a group of volunteers are planned for this Saturday and they will be taking down the building and disposing of the materials.

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

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ATTEST:

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