

Minutes of March 25, 2019

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

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input. Howard Avery, a disabled veteran and has teamed up with Dr. Bridget Cantrell, to help disabled veterans. Mr. Avery would like to do bull riding events and concerts at the City Rodeo grounds 4 to 5 times a year. Mr. Avery will have all the proper insurance and licensing and would like to use Sumas to do events and bring in people to our city. Mr. Avery has a lot of volunteers and would like to do some maintenance on the rodeo grounds. All proceeds go to Hearts Towards Home a non-profit organization associated with Dr. Bridget Cantrell.

Steven Brock read a letter which he submitted to the council in regards on the decay of the farm property Kneuman Road is very dangerous. There is garbage and sharp debris on the property and is very unsafe for the children that are exploring on the property. Shelley Schultz advised that the property Mr. Brock spoke about was the old Systma farm on the Kneuman Road.

Shelley Schulz, Finance Director informed the council about the cameras approved at the last council meeting were returned due to not compatible with our installation. A new set of cameras was ordered the bid was \$200.00 higher.

Shelley Schulz, Finance Director, presented Salary Ordinance 1746 with step increases for Mollie Bost and Michelle Quinn. Todd Daniels made a motion to pass Ordinance 1746 Establishing Salaries for 2019 and Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, updated the council the quote for the F150 needed to have a tow package added changing the quote from \$42,418.00 to \$43,648.34. Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept the amended amount to \$43,648.34, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez, Utilities Superintendent, updated council about the progress of the Sumas Avenue repairs. NW Survey has recently surveyed the entire Sumas Avenue and marked all the utilities and is now complete. The Sumas Avenue repairs are moving forward currently.

Mayor Christensen advised that a Planning Commission meeting is planned for April 29, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Mayor Christensen also spoke about the Friends of the Library Pancake Breakfast that is from 8-11 at the Community Center on April 06, 2019. Also, a reminder that is Sumas Clean-up day too from 09-12 am.

Mayor Christensen was notified from both of our state representatives that the City was approved for the \$288,000.00 state grant for a new park. The other grant request was for the new event complex, the House of Representative granted \$206,000.00 for the new event complex. The Senate has not notified us if yet if they will be granting us any funds. Mayor Christensen appreciated all the help from Representative Van Werven and Representative Shewmake they were very helpful in this process.

Council Member Todd Daniels had a follow up question for Mr. Avery; what kind of time line was he thinking for his first event? Mr. Avery is was hoping by end of May 2019 to have something put together.

An Executive Session was called with Attorney Jim Wright present.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any other business after coming back onto the record.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher # 40427 thru #40461 in the amount of \$122,408.23 and payroll vouchers #21073 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$19,950.00. All claims and payroll vouchers were approved seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt February 2019 Treasury Report seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to terminate the City Park contract with Carl (Spud) Bronkema effective October 31, 2019. Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to terminate the Cemetery Services Contract with Carl (Spud) Bronkema which expired on December 30, 2016. Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch authorized the Mayor to terminate the Cemetery Services as of today's date and pay for all services Mr. Bronkema has performed to date. Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to hire a new seasonal employee for the parks and cemetery position, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

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

_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk