

Minutes of May 13, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on May 13, 2019 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont and Bruce Bosch. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting were approved for filing with no changes.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input.

Roger Anderson, spoke about his disappointment with the City for not renewing the cemetery contract with Spud Bronkema. Jim Hesselgrave also expressed his disappointment with the City for not renewing the contract. They both stated that Spud worked very hard on the cemetery and did a great job maintaining the premises. Mayor Christensen responded that City does appreciate all of Spud's hard work and years of service.

Shelly Schultz, Finance Director, presented a letter from the Sumas Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to sell alcohol at the Howard Bowen Memorial Rodeo Grounds on July 6, 2019 and September 07, 2019 between the hours of 5pm-11pm for the Bull a Rama. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve the Sumas Chambers request to sell alcohol at the Bull a Rama on July 6, and September 07, 2019 seconded by Rich Postma, all were in favor the motion carried.

Shelly Schultz, Finance Director, provided the council with the bid for the new carpet for the office from Great Floors in the amount of \$11,956.70. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the Great Floors bid for \$11,956.70 seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor called for the Parks Committee to meet before the next council meeting.

Mayor Christensen also spoke about the new job description for the Operations Supervisor/Linemen this position will handle the day to day projects and will work under the Public Works Director.

Mayor Christensen, brought forward Ordinance 1747, amending ordinance 1736 establishing the salaries for 2019, adding two new positions and salaries. Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt ordinance 1747 seconded by Todd Daniels all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen presented the Lease Agreement with the Whatcom County Fire District #14, the lease is for three year from todays date. After three years the contract will renew automatically each year. Todd Daniels made a motion for the Mayor to sign the lease with the Whatcom County Fire Department seconded by Rich Postma, all were in favor the motion carried.

The 2019 Community Survey results were reviewed and the top three suggestions for the survey were; assisting jobs and businesses, adding more parks and recreational areas and assisting the school system. People would also like to see more picnic areas.

Mayor Christensen also spoke about a letter from Theresa Josphensen requesting funds from the City of Sumas to help purchase the items for the Welcome Baskets. It cost about \$85.00 to do twenty-five baskets. Kyle suggested \$170.00, for Theresa to be able to do fifty baskets and wanted to know if the council would like to continue with the welcome baskets. The council members would like to continue to provide the welcome baskets. Shelley Schultz stated that Ms. Josphensen did not list the organization that she represents, she will contact her to get the information.

Mayor Christensen reappointed Mike Goree to the Planning Commission he has already served many years with the planning commission.

Mayor Christensen also updated that the state funding has been finalized and the city will receive \$288,000.00 for the new park and \$1,712,000.00 for the event complex update.

Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills that were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40546 thru # 40597 in the amount of \$164,361.51. and payroll vouchers #21091 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$20,450.00 and moved to approve payroll vouchers and the direct deposit, it was seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Rich Postma made a motion to pay the manuel checks for April in the amount of \$25,305.26 it was seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Todd Daniels inquired about the lighting situation that will be done for the community days for the evening. The Mayor will speak with the Public Works to see what can be done regarding the lighting.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk