

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of July 08, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on July 08, 2019 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input.

Susan Marks, Director of Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence spoke about the issues in Whatcom County. The commission is a joint commission between the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County in 1998 to provide leadership in the community's effort to reduce and prevent domestic violence. In 2006 all the small cities in Whatcom County passed ordinance supporting the commission. Ms. Marks provided statics on calls for service for domestic violence and sexual assaults in Sumas.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director, presented the final HD Power Ordinance 1749 to be approved by the council. Bruce Bosch moved to pass Ordinance 1749, and Gary DeBont seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney, advised that added definitions for certain business description had been added to the final ordinance.

Mayor Christensen asked the TV committee to meet Wednesday July 17, 2019 at 5:30 pm. The Mayor also asked the Park Committee to meet on the same day at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the community days and that it had a great turnout, and everyone seemed to like the new location. The Mayor wanted to thank the Sumas Chamber and the City Staff for all their help at community days.

Mayor Christensen announced that the Finance Director position will be posted within the next day or two. Shelley Schultz has done an exemplary job in representing the City's interest and appreciates all her hard work.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about a bond that had been posted by P. Shane Bradley for short plat in the amount of \$24,307.00. The project has been completed and the bond either needs to be released in full or the City can keep 10% for one year. Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director believes the whole bond should be released back to P. Shane Bradley. Gary DeBont moved to allow the Mayor to sign the full release of the funds, and Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40727 thru #40769 in the amount of \$168,856.39 and payroll vouchers #21101-21108 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$134,930.77; Bruce Bosch motioned to pay the bills, payroll and the direct deposit, it was seconded by Gary DeBont, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt the May Finance Report, Gary DeBont seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the manual checks, Gary DeBont seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

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

_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk