

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of June 24, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on June 24, 2019 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont and Todd Daniels. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input.

Liz Custer wanted to ask if the City would add the Historical Society website link to the City of Sumas web page. Shelley Schultz, Finance Director advised her that it would be no problem to add their link onto the city web page.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, updated the council on the What-comm radio connection and transferring over to their system. They are still trying to get the frequency perfect before the bring the Sumas Police Department on board. Chief DeBruin did provide Sheriff Elfo, Whatcom Board, with a letter stating that Sumas still intends to transfer over to What-comm, when they are ready.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director, presented HD Power Ordinance draft to the council for their consideration. It outlines a threshold for business that would need to seek approval from the city council before they could open a business, if using 25,000 kilowatts or higher in power. This also includes businesses that do crypto currency mining or server farms.

Jim Wright, City Attorney, advised that definitions will be added to this ordinance; describing server farms and crypto mining. Mr. Wright would like the council to consider if there are any other types of businesses with high energy use they might like to include.

Ruben Hernandez, Public Works Director, presented the Firework Display Permit that will need to be signed by the Mayor. Bruce Bosch moved to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the permit, and Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Ruben Hernandez advised that the Sumas Christian Reformed Church asked for a road closure on Sumas Avenue for VBS June 24 - 28 2019. Bruce Bosch moved to approve the road closure on Sumas Avenue and Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch moved to waive the fee for the road closure; Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen wanted to thank Representative Luanne Van Werven for all her hard work in assisting Sumas with the grants for the event center and spray park. Rep Van Werven played a pivotal part in securing the grants. Rep. Van Werven wanted to recognize Senator Erickson's help also with securing the full grant amount.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the spray park; advising that the planning commission was still looking at the options and working on different designs.

Mayor Christensen invited the council members to walk in the parade with him at the Sumas Community days.

Mayor Christensen advised that the TV Committee met regarding the loss of some upcoming channels. They have wanted to look at some different options. The TV Committee will meet one more time to go over the options and the best way to move forward with the TV cable.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40694 thru #40722 in the amount of \$55,182.01 and payroll vouchers #21100 and the direct deposit in the amount of \$20,450.00; Bruce Bosch motioned to pay the bills, payroll and the direct deposit, it was seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk