

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of August 12, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on August 12, 2019 with all councilman present besides Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the council meeting with citizen input on the current TV Cable.

Mary Cook had a couple of questions regarding the channels that have been out and wanting to know if there is any type of refund for the lost channels.

Toby Alexander was wondering if there was any replacement for the channels that are no longer going to be available. The Mayor advised that our aging systems will not be able to support those changes.

Liz Walser wanted to know if the City had any other TV options to offer for the community.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the 6-year TIP, Mayor Christensen presented Resolution 781 for the 6-year TIP 2020-2025.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was in public input, Meg Krieg is concerned the Sumas Avenue may be come an alternate truck route and wants the council to consider keeping this only for residential traffic. Mrs. Krieg also spoke about the sidewalk that needs to be completed on Hovel Road to connect the new developments.

Mary Cook also agrees that Sumas Avenue should not become an alternate truck route. Mrs. Cook states that Sumas Avenue is too busy already to include truck traffic.

Mayor Christensen advised that the Hovel Road sidewalk project is included in the 6-year Transportation Improvement.

Helen Solemn came forward to also speak about her concerns with Sumas Avenue becoming an alternate truck route.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing and Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch moved to approve Resolution 781 6-year Transportation Improvement 2020-2025, and Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, presented Resolution 780 establishing the new bank signing authority for our current banks. Todd Daniels moved to approve Resolution 780, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Ordinance 1750 establishing a reduction to the TV rates. Josh Clawson moved to approve Ordinance 1750 establishing the new TV rate and Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, presented Ordinance 1751 Establishing Salaries for 2019, setting Jennifer Bell, Finance Director salary and Jason Clawson's cost of living increase. Bruce Bosch made the motion to adopt Ordinance 1751 and Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, spoke about the Leppala Bond that was posted in 2017, Rod Fadden, Public Works Director (Interim) approved that the work was final, and release of the bond was appropriate. Josh Clawson motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the release of the bond, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle Quinn presented an estimate on fixing the Christmas decorations that Rod Fadden, PW Director, had put together. Rod recommended we go with option #1. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the purchase of the supplies to repair the decorations for \$8624.00, Bruce Bosch seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle also spoke about the annual water report showing our loss of water at 5.2% a year; the state considers anything under 10% acceptable.

Mayor Christensen had received a letter from the Sumas Chamber thanking the city for their donation for the fireworks.

Mayor Christensen presented to the council the Whatcom County Wayfinding Program. The concept for this is to have a county wide signage, to encourage tourism making all the signs uniformed throughout the county. The Mayor supports this program. Mayor Christensen advises the cost to the city would be \$5276. This will be brought back to the next council meeting for the council members consideration.

Mayor Christensen updated that the flag poles were still in process of being repaired to make them taller.

Mayor Christensen updated the council that the Public Works Director position closed today.

The spray park is still being reviewed by the Planning Commissions for designs to present to the council. The City has called for RFQ's to get references to begin the process of starting the Event Center.

Mayor Christensen also wanted to thank Bret Warner for his 19 years of faithful service with the City of Sumas. Wishing him the best in his new adventures.

Mayor Christensen updated the council on the soccer fields and that we are in the process of getting quotes.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Claims Voucher #40832 thru #40878 in the amount of \$187,076.06. Bruce Bosch motioned to pay the bills, it was seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept the Financial Report for June 2019, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Attorney Jim Wright called for executive session for legal matters.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk