

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of August 26, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on August 26, 2019 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting were approved.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, presented a draft Probation Contract with some purposed language changes from the Whatcom County Probation Department. Jim Wright, City Attorney, wants to follow up with the other cities on some questions before accepting the changes.

Mayor Christensen presented the Contract Services Agreement with Whatcom County with regards to Rollin Harper as the city planner. Gary DeBont motioned for the Mayor to sign the contract with Whatcom County, it was seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen read a letter from Lizette Custer in support of the Wayfinding Program and she encouraged the City of Sumas to support the program. Mayor Christensen asked the council if they would be interested in supporting the Wayfinding Program. The council members would like to research this program more before any decision is made.

Mayor Christensen updated the council on the Journeyman/Utilities position, the position has been re-opened to accept apprenticeship applicants too. The Public Works Director position was discussed, and the Mayor will be making his decision tomorrow.

Mayor Christensen advised he will be on vacation for the two council meetings in October 2019. He suggested possibly changing the council meetings or just have the Mayor Pro-Tem fill in on those two dates. No decision was made at this time.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #40889 thru #40914 and EFT's in the amount of \$111,001.03 and the Manuel Checks 40879-40888 in the amount of \$45,250.64; Bruce Bosch motioned to pay the bills, it was seconded by Gary DeBont, all were in favor the motion carried.

Executive Session was called by Attorney Jim Wright regarding legal matters

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

_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk