

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of October 14, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on October 14, 2019 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen asked if there were any citizen input;

Steven Brock presented to the council members a printout of RCW 84.34.020 Definitions. The Common Law and how it protects the environment and Department of Ecology Wellhead Protection Program.

Chief Dan DeBruin asked for Third Street to be closed between Cherry Street and Sumas Avenue for the Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2019 5:00 pm to 8 pm. Chief DeBruin also recommended the fee be waived. Gary DeBont motioned to close Third Street and waive the fee, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Chief DeBruin also updated the council that What Comm did some radio reprogramming this week and it looks like the police department will be on line by October 31, 2019.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, presented Salary Ordinance 1752 for a step increase for Nathan Larson, now a Journeyman Lineman. Bruce Bosch motioned to pass Ordinance 1752, Gary DeBont seconded, all were in favor the motioned carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director also presented a quote from NW Technology IT Service Agreement to provide service for the city hall, the police department is currently with NW Technology. Gary DeBont moved to accept the new NW Technology Agreement for IT Service, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, provided the council with three Insurance Quotes for the City of Sumas, Property and Liability insurance coverage for 2020. CIAW, RMSA and WCIS where the three quotes submitted. Mayor Christensen referred the quotes for review to the finance committee for their recommendation at the next council meeting.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, presented the final draft from Whatcom County Probation Service Contract for the year 2020. Gary DeBont motioned to allow the Mayor to sign the contract, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer briefly updated the council members on the WA State Audit, the audit is in the final stages and the Auditors will be scheduling an exit interview when completed. Mayor Christensen asked the Finance Committee if they could be available when the meeting is scheduled.

Mayor Christensen called for the Public Hearing for Resolution 783, initiating the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way at Lawson Street and A and 17 of block 17 of the plat of Town of Sumas. Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public comment; there was none. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney will go forward with the agreement of the council to bring back on ordinance for the vacating of the right-a-way for Resolution 783.

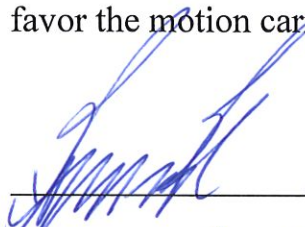
Mayor Christensen opened the next Public Hearing for Resolution 782, for the petition for the vacation of a portion of a right-of-way of St John Avenue, Gladstone Avenue, and Barker Avenue Blocks 9, 14 and 15 of the plat of W Barkerville. Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public comment; there was none. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing Gary DeBont seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

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The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41015 thru #41084 in the amount of \$120,463.63 and EFT's in the amount of \$14,236.64 and the Manuel Checks 40917, 41006-41014 in the amount of \$9,173.04. Payroll in the amount \$135,643.07. Bruce Bosch made a motioned to pay the bills, it was seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

Executive Session was called by Attorney Jim Wright regarding current or potential litigation RCW 42.30.110. for approximately 15 minutes.

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



MAYOR CHRISTENSEN Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk