

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of December 23, 2019

The Sumas City Council met on December 23, 2019 with all councilman present besides Bruce Bosch and Gary DeBont. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December 09, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the meeting asking if there was any citizen input there was none.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the Bruce Bosch request for Vacating a Portion of Gough Street. Mayor Christensen spoke about an email received from Rollin Harper, City Planner. Rollin does not recommend moving forward with the vacating of the portion of Gough Street as it is currently proposed. Sunny Aulakh, PW Director also advised there are city utilities located in the area that was of concern. Rollin Harper proposed a couple different options the council may want to consider. Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public input, there was none. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

No decision was made with regards to the vacating of property.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, wanted to thank the council for all their support with the police departments concerns and requests.

Daniel DeBruin presented Resolution 788 to surplus 2013 Chevrolet Impala vin – 2GWD5E38D1260633 and authorizing its sale or exchange. The resolution declares this car as surplus and authorizes the City to sell the property by calling for sealed bids. The City will receive sealed bids until January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. The bids will be opened at the following council meeting. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve Resolution 788 declaring the property surplus and authorizing its sale, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, also presented a draft Interlocal Jail Facility Agreement for Corrections Service. Daniel spoke about that the Yakima Contract they will not be renewing their contact with the Whatcom County Jail or the small cities. The Whatcom County Sheriff's have made arrangement with Kittitas County to hold the overflow of defendants while the jail is being remodeled. Daniel is hoping to bring this amended interlocal agreement back to the next council meeting.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, also brought forward Resolution 787, for surplus of the 1972 Dump Truck VIN – F61CRN25982. The City will be accepting sealed bids till January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm. The bids will be opened at the next council meeting. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve Resolution 787 to surplus the dump truck, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director advised the council members that the 2020 Budget and that it has been completed. Jennifer included in the packet the 2020 directory of officials and the Mayoral appointments for the committees in 2020. The council members can review the budget documents in the office; and it will also be on our website.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor wanted to thank Todd Daniels for his 8 years of public service serving on the council. Kyle also wanted thanked Gary DeBont for all his years of service on the council. The Mayor appreciates all Todd and Gary have done over the years.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor, passed on the Finance Committees recommendation, due to both members not being present at the council meeting. The finance committee has recommended that the city go forward with the Wayfinding Program. A copy of the Wayfinding Interlocal Agreement was included in the packet all the other cities have approved this and the money will be coming from the hotel tax from tourism. Josh Clawson made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Wayfinding Contract, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried

Kyle Christensen, Mayor spoke about the parks committee recommendation on the dog park at this time a request for quotes for fencing has been requested by Sunny Aulakh. Sunny advised he has reached out to two different fencing companies for the quotes and has not received them yet.

Kyle also advised that finance committees like the city staff to research ideas on how to contact the city residents on their thoughts about being annexed into the Whatcom County Fire District.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about the Pogozone Contract, in its final format. This agreement will be passing off the cable system to Sound Internet Services, Inc. The contract is acceptable to both the City of Sumas and Pogozone. Jim advised there was will be an addendum added to the contract; allowing them to utilize our current contracts with the TV services for the next six months. Todd Daniels made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Operation and Management Agreement for the cable system, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

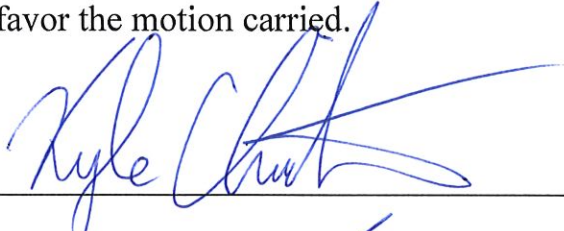


Jim Wright, City Attorney also brought forward the Sehome Planning Contract for Rollin Harper, our City Planner for 2020 with no changes from the prior year. Todd Daniels motioned for the Mayor to sign the Sehome Planning Contract, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney presented Ordinance 1760, amending chapter 6.02 of the Sumas Municipal Code regarding dog regulations. Do to change in state law regarding breed-based restrictions, Jim advised you cannot have laws regarding a breed specific dog. Ordinance 1760 re-adopts our dog regulation but removes any restrictions on a dog specific regulation; it also revises penalties for violation of the provisions of the chapter effective January 1, 2020. Josh Clawson motioned to adopt Ordinance 1760 amending chapter 6.02, Todd Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

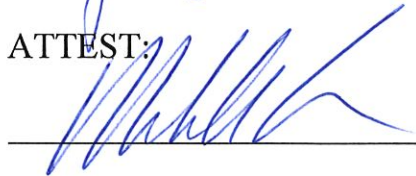
The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41255 thru #41284 in the amount of \$38,962.82, EFT's BPA \$104,192.00 EFT CPL \$54.00 and EFT DOR \$9690.44. Josh Clawson made a motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Todd Daniels, all were in favor the motion carried.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk