

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of January 25, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on January 25, 2021 with all councilmembers present; Deborah Morgan and Bruce Bosch logged into the meeting via Teams. The minutes of January 11, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no citizen input.

Rollin Harper, City Planner discussed the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review; this a follow-up review from the December meeting. A public participation plan and a 30-Day opportunity was given to State Agencies asking if there was anything they would like to review or had interest in any topics this will go until the June 2021. Only one agency responded Lummi Nation sent in a letter asking to be consulted through the process. The Department of Ecology has a checklist of items to review and attend to before the end of June.

Rollin Harper spoke about the shoreline map, suggesting two topics for discussion in the periodic review; Rollin would like to recommend possibly removing the 50 ft optional jurisdiction area in the wetlands. The Department of Ecology has enough restrictions and the final say in wetland impacted area. The second item would be the wetlands that are currently hands off they are considered conservancy wetland; the wetland regulations are more robust now there may be a layer of regulations that we don't need. Rollin suggest maybe those two items be put in the shoreline periodic review. Mayor Christensen believes both items should be put on the periodic review; wetland regulations have evolved more over the years so there does not need to be a total hands-off area; each area should be reviewed independently when and if needed.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about document from the Building Community Resilience Project. Whatcom County received a grant and approached Western University students to do a study with the small cities related to climate change. There will be no cost to the city, but they would want to work with city staff a couple hours a month through June. Deborah Morgan wanted to if there were any obligations to implement their plans, Rollin stated the city would not have to follow their recommendations. Bruce Bosch and Deborah Morgan expressed concerns if the City choose not to implement their recommendations and how this would impact the City in the future.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director provided the council with a quote from Brim Tractor for a new mower. A new mower was put in the budget for this year. Jesse Clawson motioned to approve the quote from Brim Tractor up to 15,217.13, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

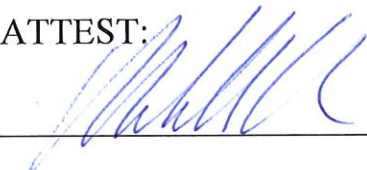
Sunny Aulakh, PW Director explained the other two quotes; one from Sargent Engineers and the other from Trantech Engineering for federal weight ratings on two bridges. This will meet WSDOT and FHWA requirements for each bridge; Sumas Avenue Bridge and West Front Street Bridge. The engineers will inspect each bridge and give the load weight rating. Deborah Morgan, wanted to know how often the bridges are tested, Sunny advised every other year for normal wear and tear and the weight ratings are every five years. Josh Clawson made a motion to accept the Trantech Engineering's quote for \$10,777.00, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

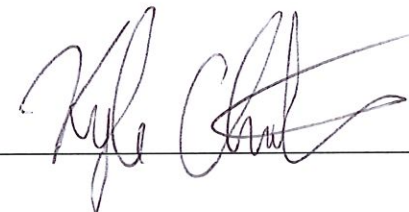
Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the HR Memo Salary Step Increase, advising that Officer Cory Sinclair has completed and passed the State equivalency academy. It has been recommended by Chief DeBruin to move him to salary step 4. Chief DeBruin advised the Officer Sinclair is doing very well and did great in the academy. Jesse Clawson made a motion to approve step 4 salary increase for Cory Sinclair, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motioned carried.

Also, Grant Korthuis has completed one year of full-time employment in crew position 3, it has been recommended to move Grant from step 1 to step 2 salary increase. Grant is doing a great job for the City. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the step 2 salary increase for Grant Korthuis, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #42343 thru #42370; for \$32,528.56, and EFT's for \$107,921.00. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:  _____, City Clerk

 _____, Mayor