City of Sumas Council Meeting Minutes of March 08, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on March 08, 2021 with all councilmembers present; Deborah Morgan and Jessie Clawson logged into the meeting via Teams. The minutes of February 22, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit Application submitted by Mason Bode

Rollin Harper, City Planner, spoke about Conditional Use Permit Application, the draft report of decision was included in the packet for the council to follow. Rollin stated there was a previous CUP application that had been granted to the previous landowner. Mr. Bode has submitted the landscaping design and the design of the duplex for review. There was no written comments or public comment. Bruce Bosch motioned to close the public hearing; Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson motioned to approve the Condition Use Permit for Mason Bode, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Dr. Thompson submitted a written letter requesting the City to repair the edge of the road coming into his parking lot. Sunny Aulakh, PW Directors will inspect the area and repair if needed. Dr. Thompson also requested a charging station for electric cars. Jesse Clawson wanted to know if there may be any grants out there for this kind of project. The staff will do some research to see if this would be a possibility or not and get back to the council.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police is concerned by Legislative House Bill 1054, concerning police reform this will blanket all police departments the same; no matter the size of agency. One other issue is that the Washington State Supreme Court made a ruling that it is unconstitutional to make arrests on any possession of a controlled substances

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the service agreement between the City and Reichhardt & Ebe for the road repairs on Sumas Ave and Knueman Road. This is an approved FEMA project from winter storm damage in 2018. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Agreement, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen updated the council; the Sumas Chamber is planning a Sumas Spring Fling in the city park on March 27, 2021. Also, there has been no response back on our capital funds request from the state.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21199 thru #21242 in the amount of \$73,676.93; EFT's for \$12,626.55 and February 2021 payroll \$149,010.23. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Rich Postma 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