

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of April 12, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on April 12, 2021 with all councilmembers present; Bruce Bosch and Rich Postma logged in via teams. The minutes of March 22, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review; this topic has been brought to the council couple of times over the last six months, the draft for the shoreline master program has been put on our website and sent to the state agencies; no input has been received at this time. The city is also proposing a couple of changes, deleting an optional jurisdictional area around the wetlands and the classification of the conservancy wetlands. Rollin has included all the state requirements and the city's proposed changes in the draft for the public review period until the first week of June 2021.

Rollin Harper, City Planner had one other item; advising that Whatcom County is undertaking an update of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City of Sumas has always participated in the past. This would help with getting grants from FEMA when a natural disaster happens.

Danie DeBruin, Chief of Police advised the Officer Kurt DeVries successfully completed the firearm instructor class with a 100 percent. Kurt was the only officer to complete the course with a perfect score, well done Kurt.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director handed out the first quarter financial statement to the council advising there are not a lot of changes for the first quarter.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk presented a Purchase Reimbursement Agreement with the Washington State Administrative of the Courts and the Sumas Municipal Court. The Administrative Office of the Courts supplies two computers for the court. This will allow us to receive the funds which will then be applied to computers purchased from NW Technology. NW Technology will then provide our computer maintenance, WA State Administrative of the Courts will no longer provide that service. Josh Clawson made a motion to allow Mayor Christensen to sign the Purchase Agreement with the Administrative of the Courts, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen updated the council that the Sumas Chamber will be having the Community days on June 19, 2021, more details will be coming out later. Also, that the spray park will be opening in May.

Mayor Christensen updated the council about La Gloria Market, advising they have put in a request for the Economic Development Fund, the finance committee has met a couple times going over their application, they are requesting \$100,000.00 dollars. The finance committee suggested all councilmembers should be to aware of their application and what they were requesting. Jesse Clawson wanted to know if they have presented a business plan, at this time

they have not. Bruce Bosch feels this is a good idea to move forward with the loan after reviewing the application. Jim Wright, City Attorney will look at the status of the property to secure a lien and have the borrowers sign the agreement using the property as collateral. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the Economic Development Fund Loan for La Gloria Market for \$100,000.00, a 10-year note at one percent interest, Josh Clawson seconded the motion; all were in favor the motion carried.


Mayor Christensen still has not received any information from the state on the funds request the city has put in for, at this time the state's budget has not been finalized.


Jim Wright, City Attorney went over the Comcast Franchise Agreement and a Pole Attachment Agreement. Comcast has contacted Mayor Christensen; requesting to be able to provide internet, phone, and tv services to the city residents. The franchise agreement and pole attachment agreement will be revised and a finalized draft with the City's requests and will be sent back to Comcast for their review and approval. The franchise fee will be 5% of the gross revenue and is defined in the agreement for payment. The Pole Attachment Agreement will be for \$9.00 a pole, billed once a year. Jim Wright will bring back the contract once it is finalized for the council's final approval.

The cemetery committee met regarding updating the Sumas Municipal Code book with some changes to cemetery requirements. Jessie Clawson and Josh Clawson recommends allowing the changes to the headstone height, this will allow headstones to be taller than the current regulations. A final ordinance with the code changes will be brought back before the council for approval.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #231265 thru #21318 in the amount of \$88,879.27; EFT's for \$262,622.56 and March Payroll #21264 and EFTs \$163,005.20. 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