

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of March 22, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on March 22, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of March 08, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nicole Sandoval – Postma, Sumas Chamber President called in and updated the Mayor and Council about the upcoming Spring Fling on March 27, 2021 from 12-2 pm. There will be vendors and activities for the children with plenty of volunteers and social distancing. Sunny Aulakh advised the city crew will be getting the park ready on the Friday before the event.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, stated that Officer Kurt Devries will be going to rifle instructor class, Officer DeVries will be our first in-house instructor for both handgun and rifle training.

Josh Clawson suggested that Third Street should be closed for the Spring Fling for safety; everyone agreed. Josh Clawson made a motion to close Third Street from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson motioned to waive the road closure fee; Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Resolution 803 for Financial Investments; the finance committee recommends investing in five-year US Treasury Bonds; the City has available funds to be invested at this time. The US Treasury Bonds for \$250,0000.00 will be purchased through the brokerage firm Time Value Investments. Discussion on some possible options for future projects that may need to be completed with the funds; Jennifer advises there will be no penalty for early withdrawal. Bruce Bosch motioned to adopt Resolution 803, Section 1 Authorizing a Safekeeping Account at US Bank and section 2 Authorizing Financial Investments, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried

Jennifer Bell also presented a cell phone policy; the purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for employees who choose to use their personal cell phones and to set a reimbursement rate. Jim Wright, City Attorney, discourages the idea of employees using their personal cell phones for city business. Jesse Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 804 Adopting the City's Cell Phone Policy, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.


Jennifer Bell presented an Automobile Usage Policy; a policy our insurance company WCIA recommended having in place. The purpose of this policy is to provide vehicles for business use and to allow employees to drive on City business; following safety protocols. Josh Clawson made motion to adopt Resolution 805 Automobile Usage Policy, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.


Mayor Christensen updated the council that no information from the State yet, on the City's request for funds; hopefully by the next council meeting we have more information. Kyle stated that the city crew is doing amazing job getting the rodeo arena and the community gardens ready for the community.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21243 thru #21263 in the amount of \$52,560.30; EFT's for \$138,093.71. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jesse Clawson is concerned with all the garbage and furniture people are leaving along the curbsides for an extended amount of time. Chief DeBruin advises that he is working with some of the property owners to make sure the City code is followed and to remove the debris. Jim Wright, City Attorney advises the City does have requirements in our code book for property owners which the police department can enforce.

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

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

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