

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of May 10, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on May 10, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of April 26, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rollin Harper, City Planner, presented the request for the Final Plat Approval for Garfield 49 North from Brandon Passe. The check print drawings and the proposed CC&R's have been submitted with the council packet. Rollin is recommending approving the final plat for Garfield 49 North, subject to the five listed items, check prints, construction of two sidewalks, as built record drawings, no maintenance bond necessary, and CC&R, all being addressed before finalizing. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Garfield 49 North and authorize the Mayor to sign once all requirements are completed, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director went over the Interlocal Agreement between Public Utility District No 1 and City of Sumas, transferring \$75,000.00 from BPA energy incentive program from Whatcom PUD to Sumas for the BPA Rate Period (2020-2021). Allowing for City to assist with local businesses, with upgrades in the industrial section. Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow Mayor Christensen to sign the contract, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny updated the council on the current sidewalk repairs and storm repairs that are in progress throughout the city.

Sunny also has reached out the Mr. Smith about the storm water issues he is experiencing, Sunny believes some of the issues may be addressed with a new catch basin by his house. Chief DeBruin is handling the issue of the garbage and trailers in the area.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the Salary Step Increase Memo for Tully McConnell. Tully has reached one year of service with the city and Tully is part of the apprentice lineman program, he is keeping up with all his required training and doing a great job. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve Tully McConnell's step increase from step 2 to 3, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen reminded everyone who was needing to file for any city positions that the filing date opens May 17, 2021, closes May 21, 2021.

Mayor Christensen advised the city has not received final confirmation from the state yet on our fund request for updating the sidewalks and trails.


Jim Wright City Attorney is working on some code revisions; in the public health and safety section. Jim also looked at the city public nuisance code, the nuisance code looks updated with the requirements and follow-up for code violations.

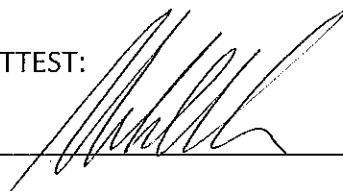
Mayor Christensen also advised the City is still in negotiations with Comcast, once the terms are settled a contract will be brought back for the council's review.

Deborah Morgan was inquiring about the leash law for dogs, there have been dogs running at large in the city park. Some people have expressed concern about loose dogs and what they should do. Jim Wright advised 911 should be called as the violation is happening.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21345 thru #21400 in the amount of \$74,687.35; EFT's for \$11,595.51 and April payroll \$156,611.48. 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.


_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk