

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of May 24, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on May 24, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of May 10, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police advised there is a lot of new legislation with changes to the law, Dan & the city attorney are working on ways to handle the new changes. Officer DeVries responded to a stabbing call outside the city limits, Officer DeVries applied life saving measures and his actions helped to save the individuals life. Daniel has received many great compliments on the actions Officer DeVries took on the scene.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director had met with the finance committee, going over the annual financial report; it was also emailed to all the councilmembers for their review too. The annual report has been filed with the Washington State Auditor's Office and posted on the City website.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm for the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set the public hearing for June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen informed the council that he has re-appointed Theresa Josephson and added Jacob Williams to the planning commission.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the letter he has sent to Whatcom County Flood Control District; with regards to Swift Creek Sediment Management; this to start the process with getting funding and support with the removal of the sediment to help with the flooding issues in Sumas.

Sumas Community Days is going forward on June 19th, 2021. Mayor Christensen asked any council members if they would like to attend and sit in the booth.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, spoke about the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Sunny, Chief DeBruin, and Rollin Harper, City Planner have been going over the plan identifying any details that might need to be updated within the City. This mitigation plans shows all critical areas in town and if a natural disaster should happen where to go during the emergency.

Mayor Christensen called for an executive session for approximately 15-20 minutes for discussion on contract negotiations, legal advice and property with Attorney Wright present; RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Mayor Christensen advised no action was taken during the executive session

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about the Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Draft Plan, this draft is for the Mayor and Council's review. This draft will be submitted to the State and eventually to FEMA for state and federal review, once this is approved the City can continue to apply for certain state or federal funds.

Rollin Harper reminded the council that at the next council meeting on June 14, 2021 there will be a public hearing for the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review. The draft documents are on the City website for their review.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21402 thru #21427 in the amount of \$46,128.70; EFT's & Wire Transfers for \$122,545.86. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Reminder that the Howard Bowen Fishing Derby is this Saturday the June 5th, and Local Mocha will be having a breakfast fundraiser on the June 19th to raise money for the fireworks.

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


_____, Mayor

ATTEST:


_____, City Clerk