

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of September 13, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on September 13, 2021 with all councilmembers present besides Jesse Clawson. The minutes of August 23, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public hearing for Pacific Edge Builders LLC, Conditional Use Permit was opened; Rollin Harper City Planner presented the application and the draft report of decision to the council. This project is to construct a six plex across two parcels at addresses 511 & 522 Second Street. These two lots will have to be formerly consolidated through Whatcom County Assessor's office, the builders can then adjust the setbacks. Rollin pointed out condition number fourteen of the draft report of decision, for consideration from the councilmembers; is this project compatible with the character of the neighborhood. Public Works Director Aulakh advised a landscaping design has been submitted from the applicant. Rollin advised the applicant is proposing the driveway be 100 percent of the frontage; this is not recommended by city staff. Rollin recommends that this project be sent to the Building and Ordinance Committee for more review.

Tyler Bajema, Pacific Builders LLC, Lynden, spoke about the project advising this will be a good fit and they will be good neighbors to the community. Sonya Bovenkamp, Third Street, is concern with increase of traffic when children are riding bikes and walking to the library; she is not in favor of the proposed project. Robert Knapp, Second Street, is also concerned with the six plex being built, he does not think it is harmonious with the neighborhood; this project will bring increasing noise and traffic to the area. Deborah Morgan is concerned about the flooding in the area and what kind of effect this will have on the surrounding properties if a building is built.

Josh Clawson made a motion to continue the public hearing for Pacific Edge Builders LLC Conditional Use Permit application to September 27, 2021; allowing the Building and Ordinance Committee to meet, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police advised that Officer Cory Sinclair has successfully completed his probational first year and is doing an excellent job.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, presented King Architecture LLC Contract Amendment #1; adding civil engineering, critical areas revision, JARPA, HPA and shoreline permits. Rich Postma made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the King Architecture LLC Contract Amendment #1, for an additional cost of \$28,833.44, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Michelle Quinn also presented the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor: City of Sumas, Owner and Colacurcio Brothers Construction Company, Contractor for the construction of the grandstands at the Event Center. Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the agreement between the City of Sumas and Colacurcio Brothers Construction, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney presented Ordinance 1782, Granting Comcast Cable Communications, a Franchise to Operate and Maintain a cable system in the City of Sumas. Rich Postma made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1782 Granting Comcast a Franchise to Operate and Maintain a Cable System, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Included with the franchise agreement is a Pole Attachment Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications to allow them to utilize the city poles to facilitate their system. Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the Pole Attachment Agreement, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney went over the Department of Revenue, Business Licensing Service Contract; this will allow for the Department of Revenue to partner with the City of Sumas to issue business licenses. Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize Mayor Christensen to sign the Business License Contract; Rich Postma seconded all were favor the motion carried.

Michele Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing for an Amendment to Chapter 14.30, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch made a motion to call for the public hearing on October 11, 2021 at 7:00, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.


The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21651 thru #21716 in the amount of \$173,854.10; EFT's for \$\$11,665.58 and July Payroll \$154,816.54. Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright City Attorney called for an executive session for possible ligation RCW 42.30.110(1) for approximately 10 minutes.

Mayor Christensen stated no action was taken in the executive session.

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


_____, Mayor

ATTEST: 
_____, City Clerk