

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of October 11, 2021

The Sumas City Council met on October 11, 2021 with all councilmembers present. The minutes of September 27, 2021 meeting were presented and approved.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing was open for the Proposed Amendments to Chapters 14.30 & 15.20 of the Sumas Municipal Code. Mayor Christensen asked if there were any written comments, none have been received, no comments from the public. Rollin Harper, City Planner presented several proposed amendments for the city's floodplain regulations in chapter 14.30 and one for the critical area 15.20.250. The source of the changes is from recent updates to the state Model Floodplain Ordinance, changes to the Federal Community Rating System and a new FEMA Policy addressing Accessory Structures. The state Model Ordinance identified, required and has recommended changes to the Chapter 14.30, Flood Damage Prevention. CRS Program update is for the city to retain its current discounted rate on flood insurance premiums, the City needs to adopt provision for mechanical equipment to be elevated one foot above base flood elevation. The new FEMA Policy addresses accessory structures; with the lowest enclosed floor would be below the base flood elevation. The proposed amendments to Section 15.20.250 would discourage the use of slab-on-grade in residential construction; reducing the amount of fill in the floodplain. The last requirement is that Elevation Certificates shall be provided to the City prior to final occupancy. Bruce Bosch motioned to close the public hearing, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motioned carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1783 Amending Chapter 14.30 and Section 15.20.250 of the Sumas Municipal Code to ensure consistency with the National Flood Insurance Program, Deborah Morgan seconded; all were in favor.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk presented Resolution 812, on a Petition for the Vacation of a Retained Utility Easement and scheduling a Public Hearing for November 08, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch made a motion adopt Resolution 812 the Petition for the Vacation of a Retained Utility Easement and setting the Public Hearing for November 08, 2021 at 7:00pm, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Work Director requested a road closure for Third Street on October 31, 2021 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm for the Sumas Chamber event Trunk-or-Treat. Josh Clawson made a motion to allow the Third Street road closure, Rich Postma seconded; all were favor the motion carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to waive the road closure fee, Bruce Bosch seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny Aulakh, presented a contract for Commercial/Industrial Lighting, HAVAC and Residential Programs with Evergreen Consulting Group for Oct 1, 2021- September 30, 2022. Jennifer Bell, Finance Director advises this cost is usually covered by Bonneville Power incentive portion paid to the City. Josh Clawson made a motion for Mayor Christensen to sign the contract with Evergreen Consulting Group, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

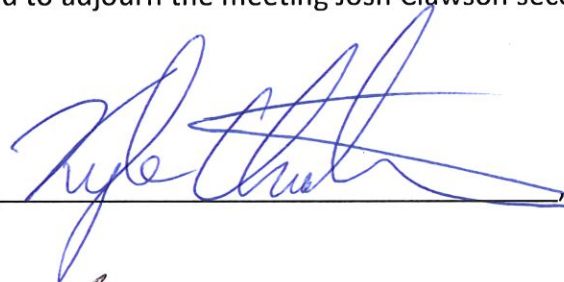
Mayor Christensen presented a one-year extension for the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sumas and Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14 for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. This will go before the fire district commissioners Tuesday for their signatures, allowing for the extended year, due to the annexation request did not make the ballot this year. Deborah Morgan made a motion for Mayor Christensen to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen updated the council the City has been able to grant the money to the businesses that were approved for the ARPA Grant Program through the City.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director advised the third quarter financials are on track for this year. Preparation for the Preliminary 2022 Budget has begun; and if needed, any budget amendments to this year. Mayor Christensen advised the council if they have any recommendations or suggestions for the budget to contact the City Staff.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #21740 thru #21795 in the amount of \$167,495.35; EFT's for \$13,358.50 and September payroll for \$171,620.19. Rich Postma 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.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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