

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of January 13, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on January 13, 2020 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the December 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen gave the oath of office to Jesse Clawson for council position 5 for

Mayor Christensen also gave Deborah Morgan the Oath of Office for council position 3 for the City of Sumas.

Mayor Christensen welcomed both the new council members.

Mayor Christensen opened the meeting asking if there was any citizen input there was none.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, advised that all was going smoothly for the new year, a few computer glitches were all worked out and back to running smoothly.

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, advise the council that Officer Alex Plushakov has accepted an offer from the Lynden Police Department. Officer Plushakov has given his notice for his last day of March 01, 2020. Chief DeBruin advised he has a few potential lateral applicants and is moving forward setting up oral boards.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director, brought forward two quotes for the dog park fencing, Northwest Fence and Up-Rite Fence. Sunny asked the council if they would like the dog park to be ten-foot-wide or twenty-foot wide. All the council members wanted to go forward with the twenty-foot dog park. Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept Up-Rite Quote for the 20-foot-wide fence for \$4500.18, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried. Deborah Morgan suggested that a double entry gates be installed, making it harder for the dogs to escape. Mayor Christensen asked for another motion for the extra door to be installed with an extra expense.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director advised the council members that the 2020 Budget and that it has been completed. Jennifer included in the packet the 2020 directory of officials and the Mayoral appointments for the committees in 2020. The council members can review the budget documents in the office; and it will also be on our website.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor wanted to thank Todd Daniels for his 8 years of public service serving on the council. Kyle also wanted thanked Gary DeBont for all his

years of service on the council. The Mayor appreciates all Todd and Gary have done over the years.

Kyle Christensen, Mayor, passed on the Finance Committees recommendation, due to both members not being present at the council meeting. The finance committee has recommended that the city go forward with the Wayfinding Program. A copy of the Wayfinding Interlocal Agreement was included in the packet all the other cities have approved this and the money will be coming from the hotel tax from tourism. Josh Clawson made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Wayfinding Contract, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried

Kyle Christensen, Mayor spoke about the parks committee recommendation on the dog park at this time a request for quotes for fencing has been requested by Sunny Aulakh. Sunny advised he has reached out to two different fencing companies for the quotes and has not received them yet.

Kyle also advised that finance committees like the city staff to research ideas on how to contact the city residents on their thoughts about being annexed into the Whatcom County Fire District.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41255 thru #41284 in the amount of \$38,962.82, EFT's BPA \$104,192.00 EFT CPL \$54.00 and EFT DOR \$9690.44. Josh Clawson made a motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Todd Daniels, 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