

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of January 27, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on January 27, 2020 with all councilman present besides Rich Postma. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Daniel DeBruin, Chief of Police, advised that he has extended an offer to Lucas Huyber who will be coming from the Bellingham Police Department. Chief DeBruin would like to allow him to start prior to Officer Pluschakov leaving on March 1, 2020. Jesse Clawson was wondering if there is an employment contract, we can have new hires sign to for a set amount of time before. Chief DeBruin, advised that Lucas has signed a 3-year contract as of now. Mayor Christensen also advised since the City does not have to send him to the academy it is saving for the City.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director spoke about the information in the packets that showed our sewer rates and expenses. The City of Abbotsford has increased their rates by 2% for 2020. Jennifer compared the expenses from 2019 with the new rate increase it will be about \$11,000.00 in Canadian funds difference. Also included in the packet was the wrap up of 2019 financials, the water and sewer accounts have ended \$40,000 less than the start of the 2019 year. Jennifer recommends increasing the sewer rate by 2% for the City residents to match the increase. If the council agrees, an ordinance will be brought back at a future meeting. Jennifer informed that the water and sewer rates are one of the lowest in the county.

Jennifer Bell asked if the council had any questions regarding the information on the fund's amounts. No questions were asked

Kyle Christensen, Mayor, spoke about that the Interlocal Agreement with the Whatcom County Jail and Chief DeBruin also advised it was an amendment changing the correctional facility overflow from Yakima Jail to Kittitas County Jail. Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement and Bruce Bosch seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

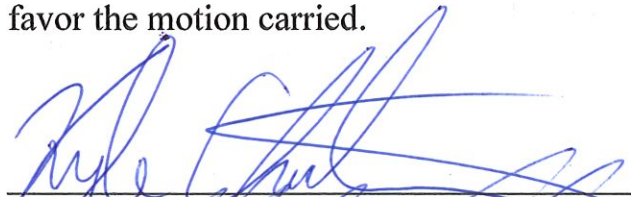
Mayor Christensen spoke about the Memo from Rollin Harper, City Planner regarding the Lakeport Reach project he recapped the memo the council had requested additional information regarding the water drainage issue. The City received additional information from Reichhardt and Ebe addressing the water issue surrounding the Lakeport Reach Project. The council now will have to determine what further action they will take after review of the new information. The Mayor asked the new councilmember if they had enough time to review the information. Jesse Clawson and Deborah Morgan both felt they were up to date on all the information regarding the project. Jim Wright, City Attorney, clarified the staff suggestion is to reopen the public record for the council members to review all new information received and allow the public to comment at the public hearing.

Josh Clawson motioned to re-open the written record for the LakePort Reach LLC project, Bruce Bosch seconded, three were in favor one opposed to the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to set the public hearing on February 10th, 2020 7:00 pm for the Lakeport Reach conditional use permit, Josh Clawson seconded; Councilmember Bosch also made a motion to re-open the written comment period and to close the written comment period on Feb 06, 2020, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor of both motions carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41374 thru #41391 in the amount of \$29,001.04, EFT's BPA/CPL 106,095.00. Bruce Bosch made a motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Josh Clawson, 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