

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of March 09, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on March 09, 2020 with all councilman present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input. None

Chief DeBruin advised he just came back from an executive level training class put on by the FBI and it was very informative. Chief DeBruin is also very thankful for the working relationship he has with the administrative staff and all the different departments.

Mayor Christensen asked the committees for updates. Bruce Bosch from the financial committee updated that they went over the city financials and all looked good. The finance committee also approved Theresa Josephson request for \$95.00 to help with the welcome baskets.

The parks committee also met with the Nooksack Valley School District regarding lowering the evaluation for fill of the proposed building. Josh Clawson advised that the school will be bringing back other options to show how they can offset some of the water issues during a flood. Sunny Aulakh, PW Director said the gym and cafeteria would have to be slab on grade, his suggestion was that classrooms have a foundation with flood vents this would allow a better flow of water. Jesse Clawson also said the NV School District was going to reach out to the Whatcom County Flood Management Division for some guidance and report back. Mayor Christensen advised there was no decision made yet, they will be meeting again with the NV School District.

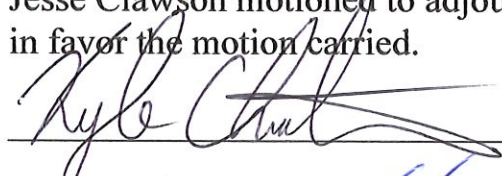
Mayor Christensen advised the council the Historical Society had sent a letter thanking them for the approval of the \$500 from the 2020 budget.

Jim Wright, City Attorney presented an Ordinance 1764, changing the Sumas Municipal Code regarding the designation of official posting places. The code book currently lists the Sumas Drug Store, City Hall, US Post Office as our official places for the notices. This ordinance would change the official posting to the Sumas Community Center and remove the Sumas Drug Store. Deborah Morgan had a concern that that center is only open so many days of the week. Bruce Bosch suggested possibly putting up a bulletin board outside the front door to post the notices. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1764 relocating the designation of the City's official posting place to the Sumas Community Center, Jesse Clawson seconded all in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41482 thru #41525 in the amount of \$91,769.64 and voided check #41280 for (\$542.50) EFT's in the amount of \$8,838.53 and February Payroll \$167,732.88. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rich Postma, all were in favor the motion carried.

Rich Postma asked the status of the splash park, Sunny advised the final revisions of the splash park just came through and they are thinking the park should be done by the middle of June.

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


_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk