

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of March 23, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on March 23, 2020 with councilman Rich Postma present and telephonically present were Josh Clawson, Jesse Clawson and Bruce Bosch. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the March 09, 2020 meeting were approved.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input. No one was present

Mayor Christensen advised that the grandstand proposals from King Architecture will be continued to a future date.

Chief DeBruin also decided to wait on the surplus of the Tahoe until a later date.

Chief DeBruin also updated the council of the town's response to the COVID-19, people are remaining calm and the officers are doing a good job keeping a good presence.

Sunny Aulakh, PW Director explained the change order from Splash Zone in the amount of \$10,983.00, this is to increase the labor and concrete line items allowing for the prevailing wage requirements and removing the LED lighting in the amount of (\$1,777.00) from the splash pad quote. Bruce Bosch motioned to accept the Splash Zone Change Order for \$9206.00, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion passed.

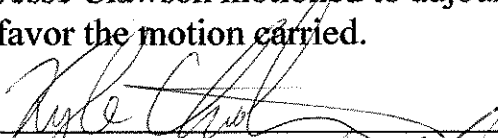
Sunny Aulakh, PW Director, and the committee also updated the council with the NV School District request on the 1-foot flood evaluation request. Sunny advised that the school is proposing to do about half of the school on foundation allowing for flood vents. Also, the new school will be less than 17,005 square feet in the floodplain with the new design. Jesse Clawson and Josh Clawson agree with moving forward with initiating the review process for the request to allow construction at 1 foot above base flood elevation. Jesse Clawson made a motion to move forward with initiating the public process for possible change to the City code that would allow for building at 1-foot above base flood elevation for the school, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

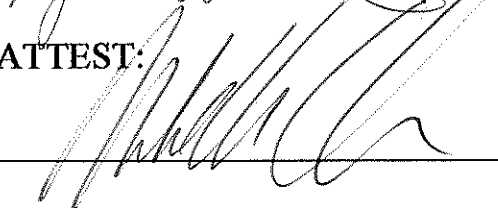
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk presented the request from the court to write off \$55,042.79 of old citations that are ten-year-old or older. Bruce Bosch motioned to write off \$55,042.79 amount for the court, Rich Postma, seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen gave an update on the COVID-19 situation, he is involved on the Whatcom County commend center with regards to the COVID-19. Due to the Governor's order to stay at home that was giving tonight, the Mayor advised that the police officers will continue to work, the city crew will work individually and not meet in a group, the city office staff will work alternate days and bring home work on their off days. The park restrooms have been closed, due to people taking the toilet paper. The parks themselves will remain open; no big groups will be allowed. Jesse Clawson would like to suggest that the crew does not do two persons job while working alone for safety.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41526 thru #41554 in the amount of \$26,643.54, EFT's in the amount of \$129,248.00 Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Rich Postma, all were in favor the motion carried.

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


_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk