

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of April 27, 2020

The Sumas City Council connected on April 27, 2020 with all councilmembers logged into a live stream meeting. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the April 12, 2020 meeting were approved.

Tim Faber from King Architecture presented the council with an update of the event center grandstands and his plans on going forward with this project. There are a couple different seating options 1500 seats or 2000 seats which will all depend on the city's budget. After some discussion with Mr. Faber the council members requested more time to review all the information before any decisions are made in moving forward with the project and bring it back to the next council meeting.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input. There were no written comments presented prior to the meeting.

Sunny Aulakh PW Director updated the council that the dog park fence was completed. He is just waiting on the signage, benches and the grass to be planted and then it will be completed and ready for use.

Sunny Aulakh, PW Director presented a quote from WRS to do some road repairs damages from wear and tear on Kneuman Road and Garfield Street. The Sumas Avenue quote is to patch the road where the crew had to trench the water line in for the splash park. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve the WRS Quote for the asphalt repairs for \$8290.00, Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny updated that the repairs at the Springs have been completed and the new pump is online and running well.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Resolution 790 to adopt the Procurement Policy that was drafted. The policy is for guidance the city must have in place anytime we receive any federal funds, it defines how we acquire goods, materials or any services. Bruce Bosch would like the city attorney to review the policy first. Bruce Bosch motioned to pass Resolution 790 subject to the Jim Wright, City Attorney approval, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Resolution 791 for the Credit Card Use Policy which creates an oversight of our credit card policy. A credit card user agreement is to be signed by everyone who uses a city credit card. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve Resolution 791, Credit Card Policy, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Ordinance 1766 regarding the credit card policy just approved the ordinance is to update the section of the Sumas Municipal Code amending 2.97 regarding the use of credit cards. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve Ordinance 1766, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about Resolution 792 for the surplus and lease of the cemetery property and calling for bids. Allowing the City to move forward on leasing the property. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve Resolution 792 for the surplus and lease of property, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney spoke about the draft lease in the packet if there is any acceptable bid, Jim would like the council to approve the Mayor to sign the lease.

Mayor Christensen opened two sealed bids that had been submitted for the cemetery property. Nathan DeBruin put in a bid for \$900.00 a year and Arlan DeJong also put in a bid for \$900.00 a year. The council requested that Sunny reach out to each person and let them both know to resubmit another sealed bid by April 29, 2020 Wednesday by 4:00 pm and the Mayor and staff will open them. Rich Postma made a motion to accept new sealed the bids by April 29th by 4:00 pm and authorize the Mayor to accept the new bid and if a tie happens again to decide with a coin toss, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen updated the council that a new lineman has been hired, Tully McConnell and he will be starting May 01, 2020. Also, the decision not to hire any summer help currently due to the COVID 19 for this year due to possible loss of revenue. Mayor Christensen advised that all the city park bathrooms have been reopened and the city staff are all back working full time, but the front door remains locked. Mayor Christensen is currently considering for the next council meeting to open the doors to the council members and the public with social distancing, with the option of still logging in to the live stream meeting. At this time the border will be remaining closed till June 30th, 2020 to all non-essential business, which will still be affecting our sales tax and gas taxes revenues.

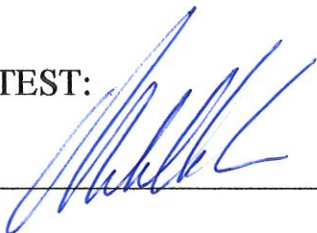
The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41615 thru #41632 in the amount of \$21,204.20, EFT's in the amount of \$121,758.00 Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Jesse Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

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



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

