

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of May 11, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on May 11, 2020 with all councilmembers present and Deborah Morgan on livestream. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the April 27, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

Chief DeBruin brought forward Resolution 789, for surplus and authorizing the sale of 2011 Chevy Tahoe and calling for sealed bids. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pass Resolution 789, calling for the surplus of the 2011 Chevy Tahoe, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried. The sealed bids need to be submitted by Friday, May 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm and will be opened at the next council meeting May 26th at 7:00 pm.

Sunny Aulakh PW Director spoke about the quote in the packet for a trailer mounted hot pressure washer. The quote is from Northern Tool online for \$7999.99. Bruce Bosch would like to see an extended warranty for the pressure washer if available for at least two years. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve but not to exceed \$11,000.00 for the purchasing of the pressure washer, Rich Postma seconded all were in favor.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Ordinance 1767 Amending 2020 Salary, adding our new employees Tully McConnell, apprentice lineman position. Lucas Huyber, moving to step two as he had completed his FTO requirements. Chief DeBruin states that Officer Huyber is doing a great job. Jesse Clawson motioned to approve Ordinance 1767, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director updated the council about the DRS Program for the city employees deferred compensation plan, for an extra option on a retirement plan if employees chose. Jennifer discovered a resolution had already been approved by the City for the DRS program, she reached out the Dept of Retirement and it is still valid, no action needs to be taken.

Jennifer Bell Finance Director updated the council on the April financials, no big decreases showing at this time stemming from COVID-19.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, advised that the May 25th, 2020 council meeting falls on a holiday and will need to be moved to Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch made a motion to move the council meeting to May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Rich Postma seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen updated the council on King Architecture third option for the Event Center Grandstands. The new proposal is for 1000 seats with two 250 seats standalone bleachers on each side. This will allow for 5 men's and 8 women's restrooms to be completed. Sunny Aulakh, PW Director inquired to see how much it would cost to improve the actual arena, it would be around 10 thousand dollars. Mayor Christensen is going to approach the Sumas Chamber to see if they would be willing to help with the cost in updating the arena. Jesse Clawson spoke with the people who use the arena to see what they would like to see happen with the event center; they would like to see a covered grandstand. Mayor Christensen stated currently we do not have the funds for the roof, Sunny suggested maybe down the road, a pole building could be built and placed over the bleachers creating a roof. Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept option three for the grandstand proposal, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

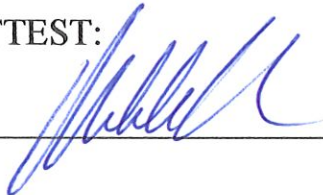
Mayor Christensen updated the council on the COVID 19 situation, the city hall is open with the appropriate barriers in place, PPE is also available if needed. He advised the Sumas Chamber as cancelled all events for this year, the Mayor would like to see an event happen at the end of the summer.

Jim Wright, City Attorney updated the council on the Cemetery Lease Agreement. Mr. DeJong has asked that the six-year option to terminate language be removed, he would like it to be a straight ten-year lease. Josh Clawson made a motion to accept the Cemetery Lease Agreement with Mr. DeJong with the new language of a ten-year lease Rich Postma, seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

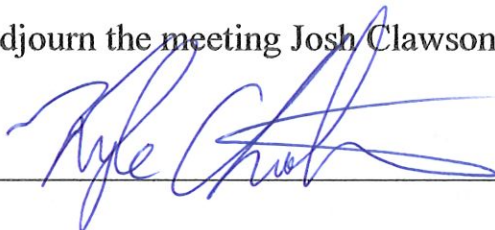
The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41633 thru #41687 in the amount of \$207,726.13, EFT's in the amount of \$12,932.45 and April's payroll \$147,435.51. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Josh Clawson, all were in favor the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:



City Clerk



 Mayor