

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of July 13, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on July 13, 2020 with all councilmembers present, beside Josh Clawson. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of June 22, 2020 meeting presented and approved.

Larry Davis, from the Whatcom Conservation District was logged on with the video conference option, he wanted to inform the councilmembers what the conservation district does; they work with landowners and farmers in the community. The conservation district is 100% funded by grants, they are looking towards 2021 funding and the WCD Board is considering whether to ask the county council to approve a rate and charge per parcel to help support doing more for the community.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the IKO Conditional Use Permit Application. Rollin Harper, City Planner, logged on by phone, he updated the council on IKO's conditional use permit and what they were proposing. IKO is asking to re-develop 5.4 acres, this will allow them to add more room for storing more product. Rollin spoke about the draft report of decision that list seven points for the council to consider. There was no public comments or written comments submitted. Deborah Morgan inquired on how much fill would be required for this project, Rollin advised there will be no fill. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the IKO Conditional Use Permit, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

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

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Ordinance 1769, correcting prior Ordinances 1758 and 1768 for Officer Devries 2020 salary. Ordinance 1769 corrects Officer Devries' step salary scale moving him to Step 5 of the salary scale. Bruce Bosch motioned to approve Ordinance 1769, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

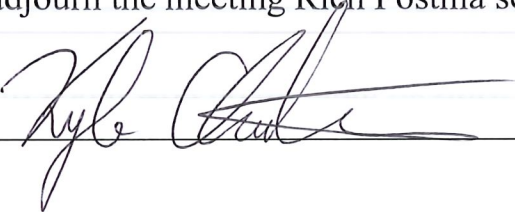
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing for Italian Motors Conditional Use Permit Application for August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch motioned to set the public hearing for Italian Motors CUP on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the county wide COVID funding and would like the City to put forward money and adding to the fund for small businesses; grants can be up to \$15,000.00. Mayor Christensen is recommending putting \$10,000.00 towards the county wide funding starting out, this will allow our local businesses to a bigger pool of money. Jesse Clawson motioned to approve Resolution 796 Approving \$10,000.00 for the County Wide Funding, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen advised the spray park is completed and will be opening this weekend. The playground has been ordered and should be here in August.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41782 thru #41846; for \$86,407.42, wire for \$170,845.27, EFTs in the amount of \$8,634.13 and Junes Payroll \$189,624.37. Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk