

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of June 22, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on June 22, 2020 with all councilmembers present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of June 08, 2020 meeting presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the 6-year Transportation Improvement 2021-2026. No public comment was received. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Resolution 795 was presented adopting the 6-year Transportation Improvement 2021-2026, Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve Resolution 795 Adopting the 6-year Transportation Improvement, Deborah Morgan seconded all the were favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input. No Comments

Chief Daniel DeBruin advised the councilmembers that Lyle Olesen had submitted his intent to retire, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020; being his last day. Officer Olesen has served this community as a police officer since December 01, 1986, his service has been greatly appreciated over the years. Chief DeBruin and the Mayor have decided to move forward with advertising for a new Lateral Police Officer position.

Sunny Aulakh, PW Director, updated the council on Bone Creek Storm Sewer Facility area and the letter sent to the residents about the upkeep of the area. The area has not been maintained by the residents; most did not know about the requirements. The residents have asked the City to take over the facility and maintain the area. Sunny suggested maybe an increase in the storm sewer fees which is \$1.50 each month to \$3.50 a month, for maintaining the storm sewer facility area. Jesse Clawson wanted to know what benefit this would be for the City, Sunny advises that when the CRS review is completed by FEMA the area would be maintained and hold the water correctly; this will be favorable towards our flood rating.

Sunny Aulakh, PW Director updated the council on the Sumas RV Park, they have completed all the lighting requirements from the conditional use permit that was approved with the conditions.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk called for a public hearing for IKO's Conditional Use Permit Application on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Bruce Bosch motioned to set the public hearing for IKO's CUP on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the letter in the council packet written by Whatcom County and the Mayors of the small cities to Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray and Rep Suzan DelBene and Rep Rick Larsen with regards to the US-Canada border crossing and how the no cross-border travel restrictions have impacted the area.

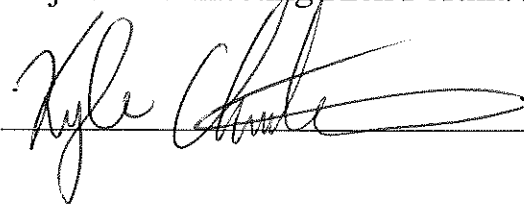
Mayor Christensen went over the draft letter for the Cares Act Fund and the use of the COVID 19 funds for the City. Also, mentioned is a possible combining of all the funds with the county and cities. This would help streamline the application process and create a bigger amount of money for the businesses. Jesse Clawson is concerned that the Sumas Businesses may not get their share; he wants to make sure there is some oversight for our businesses. Mayor Christensen believes it will be monitored somehow by the City to make sure the money is going to the businesses in our town.


Mayor Christensen opened the sealed bids for the 1975 Backhoe, \$1000.00 Audra Tandy, \$1200.00 Tony Summers, \$1050.00 Bill Dykstra, \$2110.00 Brien Scholl, \$1650.00 Brian/Vanessa Dykstra, \$3000.00 Kevin Dykman, \$2,500.00 Howard Denson.

The sealed bids were opened for the 1954 Grader; \$1550.00 Ryan Roorda, \$1551.00 Butenschoen, \$1000.00 Howard Denson and \$200.00 Tony Summers. Jesse Clawson motioned to accept Kevin Dykman's bid of \$3000.00 for the backhoe. Deborah Morgan seconded; all were in favor the motion carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to accept Steve Butenschoen's bid of \$1551.00 for the grader, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41762 thru #41781; for \$16,730.68, EFT's in the amount of \$115,743.99. 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.

  
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ATTEST:   
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