

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of August 10, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on August 10, 2020 with all councilmembers present, except Deborah Morgan. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of July 27, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

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

Chief Dan DeBruin reported that Cory Sinclair started in the past week and he is doing very well. Chief DeBruin will be swearing in Officer Sinclair at the next council meeting.

Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director updated the council on Tully McConnell who just returned from his lineman training, Tully received very high marks 95 % or higher from his instructors and is doing great.

Mayor Christensen presented Ordinance 1770, amending ordinance 1758 establishing Salaries for 2020, adding Cory Sinclair at step 3 and moving Jennifer Bell to step 5 in the salary schedule. Mayor Christensen advised the Jennifer is doing a great job. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1770 Establishing the Salaries for 2020, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen advised there have not been any changes with COVID-19 situation recently. There will be mobile testing unit starting up in Whatcom County that will be at different locations.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the Cares Act with regards to the Whatcom County Business Restart program. There have been 8 Sumas businesses that have applied for the Cares Act Grant, the committee will review these applications once received for recommendations.

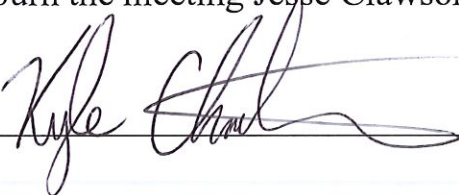
Jim Wright, City Attorney, went over the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blaine. This will allow the City to receive services or equipment if needed from the City of Blaine. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blaine, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jim Wright, City Attorney presented a contract for Professional Services for Indigent Defense, with Jason Smith as the attorney for the North County Public Defense. Jesse Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services for Indigent Defense Contract, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

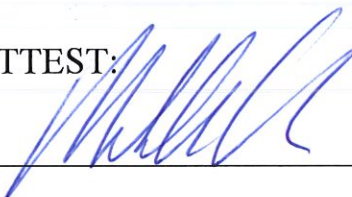
Bruce Bosch and Rich Postma, Finance Committee, reviewed the reconciliation of the bank statement and reviewed the Whatcom County Fire District Contract and a possible extension on the contract.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41878 thru #41927; for \$85,815.31, EFTs in the amount of \$6,863.36 and July payroll \$153,071.05, Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk