

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of July 27, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on July 27, 2020 with all councilmembers and Jesse Clawson was on Teams. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of July 13, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input. Henry Ruiz submitted a letter requesting permission to sell fresh produce in the City Park. Discussion on creating a permit process for vendors to use the park with no cost; this will allow for monitoring of activity and the City will have control on what vendors sell and how long they are in the park. Mayor Christensen recommended the staff do some research on how to proceed with allowing access for vendors to use the park.

Chief Dan DeBruin announced that Cory Sinclair has accepted his offer for the police officer position. Cory will be starting Monday, August 3, 2020, he will need to complete a two-week training program in the next couple months to follow Washington State regulations. The retirement party for Officer Olesen is still in the works and he will notify everyone when it is set.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director went over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report that was included in the packet, it shows the quarterly financials for the year. Overall for the entire budget for this year 36% in revenues and 31% in expenditures has been utilized. Jennifer also advises that the City has financially been able to handle the COVID-19 situation so far. Jennifer and Sunny have been working with FEMA to get the February 2020 flooding projects all laid out for reimbursement, there are still some outstanding street projects that had been damaged, these still need to be reported to FEMA for funding. Jennifer stated that \$56,000.00 has already been spent on the flood damages; which will hopefully be reimbursed by FEMA.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Resolution 797, addressing bank changes, this will add Rich Postma, councilmember as a signer on the bank accounts removing Gary DeBont. Also, the US Bank General Account is needing to be closed and transfer the funds to Peoples Bank into an interest baring account. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Resolution 797, addressing the bank changes, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Resolution 798 Writing off Utility Account Balances; this will clean up old utility accounts that have been closed but still have a small unclaimed balance. Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 798 writing off old utility balances, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen update about the COVID-19, with the Governors new requirements; the city's position remains the same and will not change at this time.

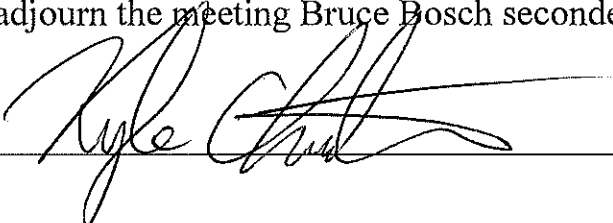
Mayor Christensen advised the splash park is been busy and very positive for the community. The blue ring around the splash pad will be pressure washed and a non-slip product will be added to help with the blue ring being slippery.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the Whatcom County Restart Program, regarding the \$10,000 that the City gave Whatcom County for the small businesses restart program. Mayor Christensen has created a sub committee to review applications, Jennifer Bell, Finance Director, Mollie Bost, Utility Clerk and the Mayor this will allow oversight over the businesses that submit their application to the Whatcom County Restart Program.

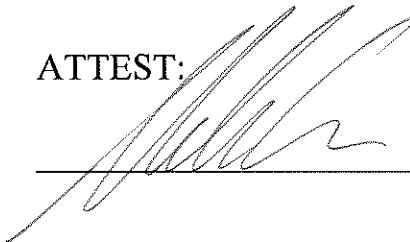
Mayor Christensen advised the council that FEMA has presented the new Flood Map for review; Kyle and Sunny will be scheduling an appointment with FEMA to go over the map.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41847 thru #41877; for \$70,306.65, EFTs in the amount of \$104,066.06, Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk