

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of August 24, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on August 24, 2020 with all councilmembers present, except Bruce Bosch. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of August 10, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Chief Daniel DeBruin swore in Officer Cory Sinclair as our new police officer, welcoming him and his family to the Sumas Police Department.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the conditional use permit application for Italian Motors USA. Rollin Harper, City Planner went over the Italian Motors USA, CUP and the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit located as 529 West Front Street. Italian Motors is purposing to expand the facility with a RV Parking area, new entry, expand the existing go-kart track, and adding living quarters. Rollin advised that the draft report of decision is the starting point and there have been seven comment letters had been submitted.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any citizen input regarding the public hearing; Steven Brock, 464 Arthurs Way, Sumas called in through Teams. Mr. Brock and the neighbors are concerned with the noise and having no sound barriers to deflect the noise, he would like to request the noise level be reviewed.

Stanley Crocker, Project Manager, Italian Motors USA LLC, stated that this is one of the largest karting facilities in the country and was started over 40 years ago in Burnaby, Canada. Mr. Crocker submitted written testimony from Claudio Valiante, Michael Valiante and Claudia Carpentier to the council to be part of the public record; Claudia Carpentier also read the testimony to the council. Ms. Carpentier addressed concerns about the noise; believing with the track expansion the karts will be further south possibly reducing the noise level. Also, a rule for an inlet and exhaust noise attenuation devise are required for the 2-stroke karts. Ms. Carpentier advised the overflow parking will help with bigger races and any parking issues. Rollin Harper asked if there was any other input from the council members before closing the public hearing, the Mayor would like to make sure the noise issues are addressed and recommends sending the CUP to the building committee for further review. Josh Clawson asked the applicant if the new devices have been used yet on the 2-stroke karts, Michael Valiante advised due to the COVID-19 the track has not had the opportunity to use the new devices.

Josh Clawson made a motion to close the public hearing, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen asked the building committee to meet and review the application and bring back recommendations to the next council meeting.

Sunny Aulakh PW Director gave an update on the playground equipment, it should be put together by next week and the following week the chips will be delivered. Jesse Clawson asked about the Event Center, grandstands and where it was in the process. Sunny advised the application are being completed and finalizing of the design.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, called for a Public Hearing for September 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm for a Conditional Use Permit Application from Tarsem Singh for a Hindu Temple. Jesse Clawson made a motion to set the public hearing September 28, 2020, at 7:00 pm Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the Cares Act with regards to the Whatcom County Business Restart program. Whatcom County has committed \$32,877.00 for the Sumas Businesses, the Mayor would like the City to put in the remaining \$34,120.00 towards the re-start program, totally \$76,997.00 going to the local Sumas businesses that applied. Jesse Clawson made a motion to commit the remaining funds of \$34,120.00 to the Cares Act Whatcom Restart Program, Deborah Morgan seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen also went over the Interlocal Cost Sharing Agreement related to COVID-19 Health Crisis committing the funds for the re-start program. Josh Clawson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement, with the two corrections; the funds showing the total amount and section 8 (pg4) stating to send a Notice to the City of Sumas, Jesse Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41928 thru #41959; for \$61,559.98, check number 1000 for \$25,000.00 EFTs in the amount of \$104,287.76, Rich Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson 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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ATTEST:   
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