

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of October 12, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on October 12, 2020 with all councilmembers present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of September 28, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for Socco Forest Products located at 601A West Front Street for a conditional use permit application. Rollin Harper City Planner explained that Socco is purposing to expand their existing lumber drying operations by adding a lumber remanufacturing facility on adjacent parcel at 1220 Darryl Jones Way. Rollin states the conditional use application is straight forward, the draft report of decision has seven conditions for review. Rollin spoke about condition number seven that states that the applicant will work with the city to facilitate a pedestrian walkway in the future.

Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public comment; there was none and no written comments were submitted. Bruce Bosch asked the applicant from Socco Forest Product how they feel about condition number seven regarding a sidewalk. Mark Powell, Operations Manager and Candy Laird Controller from Socco Forest Product; the applicants were not really wanting pedestrian traffic out by the facility due to safety. The new lumber line will add seven new employees with the possibility of more employees in the future. Discussion between the councilmembers about having a sidewalk as one of the conditions and its pros and con; condition number seven is a statement of good faith from the applicant if it becomes an option in the future for a sidewalk they will contribute if possible. 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 conditional use permit application for Socco Forest Product and adopt the report of decision, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director advised that the quote from Timber Tree Service for \$8,463.00, was for removing two dying trees and grinding the stumps at the cemetery. Josh Clawson made a motion to accept the quote from Timber Tree Service for \$8,463.00, Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Sunny also updated the council the he will be meeting with a shoreline and wetland specialist from the Department of Ecology to review the areas at the event center, hoping to mitigate the areas purposed as wetlands helping to bring down the city's cost.

Jennifer Bell the Finance Director spoke with regards to a renewal contract with Evergreen Consulting Group for Commercial/Industrial Lighting & HVAC Programs. Bruce Bosch made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 1-year contract with Evergreen Consulting Group, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer advised the councilmembers she has provided them the third quarter financial report for their review. Jennifer had already spoken with the finance committee on some of the items in the report due to the budget season is upon us.

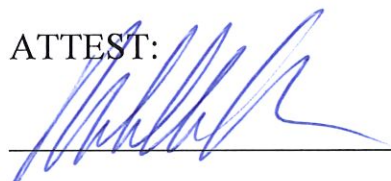
Mayor Christensen advised the council members that Jennifer Lautenbach from the Everson Council has volunteered to represent Sumas on the WTA board. Jesse Clawson approved Jennifer Lautenbach as the Sumas Representative on the WTA Board, Josh Clawson seconded all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen spoke about the Cares Act and the Restart Program for the Sumas businesses, a second wave of funding for approximately \$24,000 has been granted to the city. The Mayor, Jennifer and Mollie will meet to see the best way to get the new funding to our businesses and contacting any businesses who did not receive any funding the first time.

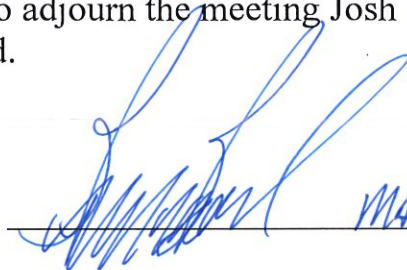
The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #42048 thru #42101; for \$71,391.18, ck #1002 for \$100,000.00, EFTs in the amount of \$10,151.48 and a wire transfer for \$115.71. Also, September's payroll in the amount of \$166,219.95, Josh Clawson made a motion to pay the bills, Bruce Bosch seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:



, City Clerk



Mayor Pro TEM, Mayor