

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of September 28, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on September 28, 2020 with all councilmembers present. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of September 14, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the Rameshwar Mahadev Hindu Temple conditional use permit application. Rollin Harper, City Planner, advised the condition use permit submitted is for Rameshwar Mahadev Hindu Temple located at 4322 Jones Road. The proposal is to convert an existing barn to be used as a Hindu Temple; no comments were received during the open comment period. Rollin advises there are seven conditions of approval for the temple, the applicant will have to work with the public works director to make sure city codes are met. The type of use at this location is compatible with open space district and is in an existing structure. Rollin and city staff would recommend this for approval. Deborah Morgan wanted to know if this project would have plans for future growth or expanding the footprint. Jake Sidhu, representing the owner Mr. Tarsem, addressed the question advising that the initial startup will be 10 -15 people, at this time it is unknown about future growth. Jesse Clawson asked Rollin with approval of this condition use permit would it change the zoning, Rollin advised that the action would not affect the current zoning if approved. Mayor Christensen inquired about the split parcels between the city and county wanting to make sure the county does not need to be involved, Rollin Harper advised the City has only jurisdiction on the city parcel which the project is proposed on. Mayor Christensen asked if there was any public comment, there was none. Bruce Bosch motioned to close the public, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor motion carries

Josh Clawson motioned to approve the conditional use permit for the Rameshwar Mahadev Hindu Temple and adopt the report of decision, Deborah Morgan seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Rollin Harper spoke about the updated draft report of decision for the Italian Motors USA conditional use permit application with 29 conditions. Rollin highlighted in the updated report of decision reflecting the recommendations from the building committee and council. Rollin spoke about conditional approval number 4 addressing the accessory uses, with the changes reflecting the understanding from the building committee; they did not support a residential occupancy for a technician nor a permanent resident for a night watchman.

They did support an office with limited residents for security personal. Also, supported was a limited resident for race officials only. Condition number 9, the applicant shall ensure 100 standard vehicle parking for the overflow parking. Condition number 10 the applicant shall provide visual access to the shoreline area. Final condition number 29, the applicant shall work in cooperation with the City and neighboring property owners to facilitate a safe access to the site. Rollin also addressed the noise impacts; any exceedance of the noise standard will trigger a need for mitigation.

Jesse Clawson made a motion to approve the conditional use permit application for Italian Motors USA and adopt the report of decision, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented a cost allocation policy, this policy is to identify how indirect costs will be allocated to different departments. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the cost allocation policy, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell spoke about the results for the request for qualifications for engineering of two street projects located on Kneuman Road and Sumas Avenue. These repairs are part of a FEMA Grant from storm damage the city had in 2017. The scoring tally sheet is of the three companies that submitted their qualifications. The highest score of the three submitted was Reichhardt and Ebe. Josh Clawson made a motion to approve the request for qualifications from Reichhardt and Ebe Engineering, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell updated the council on a request from Nooksack Valley Disposal, Dan Leidecker and Calvin DenHartog, their request to extend the existing contract with City. Nooksack Valley Disposal is asking if they current contract can be extended for five years with an option for an automatic renewal every year up ten years, for a total of 15 years with no rate changes. Bruce Bosch made a motion for the Mayor to sign the contract with Nooksack Valley Disposal, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen informed the council members that Catherine DeBruin has put her two weeks' notice in and her last day will be October 8, 2020.

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.

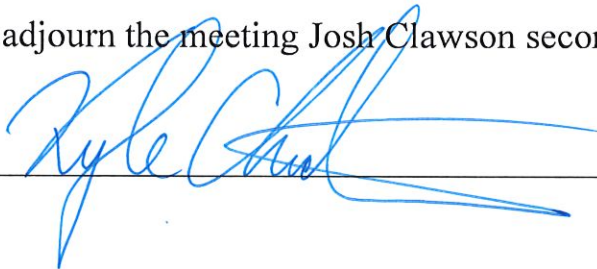



Jesse Clawson asked if there were any updates on the Event Center and the grandstands. Sunny advised he will be meeting with the Dept of Ecology to go over the wetland areas, in the next couple of weeks. They will take some soil samples and do a field review on the wetland area which is very small to help with the mitigated wetlands.

Jim Wright, City Attorney presented an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blaine for sharing of electric system related services. Bruce Bosch made motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blaine, Jesse Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #42021 thru #42047; for \$40,655.39, ck #1001 for \$100,000.00, EFTs in the amount of \$315.65 and a wire transfer for \$1,935,953.08, 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.

  
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ATTEST:   
\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk