

City of Sumas  
Council Meeting  
Minutes of September 14, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on September 14, 2020 with all councilmembers present, except Jesse Clawson. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of August 24, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the meeting with the building committees report on the Italian Motors Conditional Use Permit. Josh Clawson advised that Jesse and he went and walked around the site and reviewed the proposed plan from Italian Motors. Josh Clawson was pleased with the area and the corrections that the Italian Motors changed with the parking. Josh inquired about the three buildings being proposed and if people will be living year-round on the property. Stan Crocker advised the night security would be year around; one building would only be used at race events and another building would be for the technician who would live there year-around too. Rollin Harper, City Planner, advised that if the council views them as accessory buildings then they would be allowed in the industrial area.

Rollin Harper, City Planner advised that Italian Motors did supply the information requested from last meeting, showing they would have the ability to provide the 100 hundred new parking spaces; eliminated the camping area and RV spaces that did not have services. The building committee seems comfortable with the access driveway and allowing for gravel surfacing, not requiring asphalt. The applicants addressed the shoreline public access with the option to allow visual access with some sort of sitting or picnic access at the edge of the shoreline buffer. Regarding the noise issues the applicant has addressed some of those concerns with modification of the bigger karts, Rollin advised also that the city code addresses any issues if the noise level is exceeded the City has options to handle the complaints. The Mayor is still concerned about the noise, he would like to recommend the City test noise levels once the racing resumes. Discussion about the accessory building for the officials to stay in, the councilmembers are concerned with someone being able to live there all year long, Italian Motors states it will be for officials only on racing event days.

Mayor Christensen asked the building committee to meet one more time and bring back their recommendations to the next council meeting.

Rollin Harper, City Planner spoke about a conditional use application extension request from Mr. Young; for 1134/1136 Sumas Avenue. The original conditional use permit was approved in October 2018, Mr. Young had requested a one-year extension in 2019 which was granted. The city code does not support a second extension, Bruce Bosch motioned to deny the request for the extension from Mr. Young, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motioned carried.

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk, called for a Public Hearing for October 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm for a Conditional Use Permit Application for SOCCO. Bruce Bosch made a motion to set the public hearing October 12, 2020, at 7:00 pm Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen advised the council; he has invited Representative Van Werven, Rep Shoemake and Senator Erickson for a ribbon cutting at the completed playground and splash park and thanking them for all their help in getting us the funding for the project.

Mayor Christensen asked the council members if one of them would be interested to serve on the WTA Board representing Sumas, Nooksack and Everson. Mayor Christensen advised if any councilmember is interested please contact him or city staff.


Sunny Aulakh, PW Director told the Mayor and Council Members that Cowden Gravel, donated their pump truck helping complete the playground with the final cement for the poles and picnic tables.

Bruce Bosch updated that the finance committee met, and everything looks great and Jennifer Bell Finance Director is doing a good job.

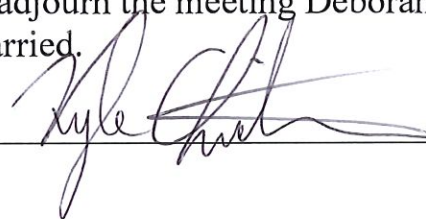
The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #41960 thru #42020; for \$195,370.71, EFTs in the amount of \$117,047.03 and August payroll \$157,405.20, Bruce Bosch made a motion to pay the bills, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk



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