

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of October 26, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on October 26, 2020 with all councilmembers present. Mayor Christensen was not present, Councilmember Bruce Bosch was the Mayor Pro-Tem for the council meeting. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of October 12, 2020 meeting were presented and approved. Rich Postma approved October 12, 2020 minutes, Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director presented Resolution 799; Jennifer explained that this is done annually for the unclaimed property and cancelling any outstanding checks that have not been cashed. The checks will be cancelled, and the funds will be submitted to the Department of Revenue unclaimed property section. Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Resolution 799, Cancelling Outstanding Treasurer's Checks and remitting to the Department of Revenue Unclaimed Property Section, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Resolution 800, Adopting the City's Whistleblower Policy. Rich Postma motioned to adopt Resolution 800, Adopting the City's Whistleblower Policy, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Ordinance 1771 amending ordinance 1758 establishing the Salaries for 2020. Sunny Aulakh, Public Works Director completed his first year and is doing an amazing job; it is being recommended for Sunny to receive his step increase. Also, Tully McConnell, Apprentice Lineman completed his first six months and his required hours, it is recommended Tully receive his step increase. Deborah Morgan motioned to adopt Ordinance 1771 Amending Ordinance 1758 establishing the 2020 Salaries, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell, Finance Director called for a public hearing to be on November 09, 2020 at 7:00 for the Preliminary 2021 Budget Hearing and a Public Hearing for the Property Tax Levy. Josh Clawson made a motion to set the public hearing on November 09, 2020 regarding the Preliminary Budget and Property Tax Levy, Rich Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Bruce Bosch, Mayor Pro-Tem spoke about the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Sumas and Whatcom County Fire District #14 for fire protection and emergency medical services, advising the Mayor Christensen had negotiated an extended contract with no changes. Rich Postma motioned to allow the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Whatcom County Fire District #14, Deborah Morgan seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #42102 thru #42128; for \$85,063.48, EFTs in the amount of \$111,170.31. 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 Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.



, Mayor

ATTEST:



, City Clerk