

City of Sumas
Council Meeting
Minutes of November 23, 2020

The Sumas City Council met on November 23, 2020 with all councilmembers present with Deborah Morgan logging in the meeting via Teams. Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of November 09, 2020 meeting were presented and approved.

Mayor Christensen opened the public hearing for the Final 2021 Budget, there was no written comment or public comment submitted. Jennifer Bell Finance Director handed out a draft budget update that was not included in the packet stating the City had been approved for a TBI Grant for a street project on Mitchell and Lawson Street in coordination with the Nooksack Valley School, The total grant request was for \$169,000.00 the TBI Grant will cover \$152,000.00; the school and city will split the remaining balance. Bruce Bosch made a motion to close the public hearing, Rich Postma seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

There was no citizen input.

Sunny Aulakh Public Works Director updated the council that a FEMA Site inspection is scheduled for tomorrow, they will checking on the repairs that have been made from the flood damage.

Mayor Christensen wanted to highlight that Chief DeBruin has a step increase for completion of another year. Daniel is doing a great job managing his staff with overtime we appreciate Daniel for all the great work he is doing for the city.

Mayor Christensen also updated the council that a new Utility Clerk has been hired, Tessa Sytsma and her first day will be December 7, 2020.

Jennifer Bell Finance Director presented Ordinance 1774 Amending the Salaries for 2020. Rich Postma made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1774 Amending the Salaries for 2020, Josh Clawson seconded, all were if favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell also presented Ordinance 1775 Adopting the Budget for 2021. Bruce Bosch made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1775 Adopting the Budget for 2021 with the new amendments, Josh Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell presented Ordinance 1776 Amending the Sumas Municipal Code, this will change the language that will help cut down on the paperwork each time a salary increase is presented. The increases will still be brought before the

council for approval for salary increases but without having to do an ordinance. Jesses Clawson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1776 Amending the Sumas Municipal Code, Bruce Bosch seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Jennifer Bell then presented Ordinance 1777 Establishing 2021 Salaries and Wages. Josh Clawson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1777 Establishing 2021 Salaries and Wages, Jesse Clawson seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Christensen stated that the City will continue to operate as usual with regards to the governor’s new restrictions.

Mayor Christensen advised the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee is looking for volunteers to join the committee with regards to flood issues.

The bills were presented for approval and payment. Check Numbers #42179 thru #42198; for \$209,452.21, EFTs in the amount of \$91,906.70. Bruce Bosch 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