



Sumas City Council Meeting

Sumas City Hall, 433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA 98295

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Bosch

Councilmember Morgan

Councilmember Jesse Clawson

Councilmember Josh Clawson

Councilmember Postma

Councilmember Daniels

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

a. January 10, 2022 Draft Minutes

Councilmember Daniels motioned to approve January 10, 2022 minutes, Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

No Citizen Input

4. New Business

a. Letter from Art Bobb

Jennifer Bell explained the letter is requesting to disconnect water on a vacant piece of property that he owns. Mr. Bobb is requesting not to have to pay the minimum base fee for the water and be allowed to hook back up if he needed too. Councilmember Jesse Clawson wanted to know if he disconnected would he just pay a reconnect fee, Sunny Aulakh advises if he disconnects and then wants to reconnect a new meter would have to installed. Attorney Wright would like a chance to review the code and Mr. Bobb's request, Mayor Bosch appointed this to the committee for review and update the council at the next meeting.

b. Services Agreement with Kyle Christensen

Mayor Bosch presented the service contract with Kyle Christensen, Kyle has a lot of knowledge with the flooding situation and contacts this would keep the momentum moving forward. Councilmember Jesse Clawson was concerned about the cost and if there would be any conflict of interest with hiring Kyle. Chief DeBruin explained he believes Kyle can help the City

moving forward with the flooding issues; he will help only with the flooding issues and work under the direction of Mayor Bosch. Councilmember Josh Clawson & Councilmember Jesse Clawson would like more time to think about it before entering into the contract, the contract will be brought back to the next council meeting.

c. Colacurcio Change Orders

Jennifer Bell, stated the change orders did not get sent in time for the council meeting, the change orders will be brought back to the next council meeting for review.

5. Staff Reports

Finance Director

1. Memo - Salary Step Increase

Jennifer Bell went over the Memo for Salary Step Increases for Cory Sinclair, Grant Korthuis and Lucas Huyber. Councilmember Jesse Clawson motioned to move Officer Sinclair from Step 4 to Step 5, Councilmember Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson motioned to move Officer Huyber from Salary Step 3 to Salary Step 4, Councilmember Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Postma motioned to move Grant Korthuis, Maintenance Crew from Salary Step 2 to Salary Step 3, Councilmember Daniels seconded, all were in favor the motion carried

2. Fourth Quarter 2021 Finance Report

Jennifer Bell went over the fourth quarter finance report, stating that some funds have been hit hard in December due to flood related expenses. The sewer bill to the City of Abbotsford was higher due to the flooding and the flow of water.

3. Flood Expense Update

Jennifer Bell also presented a Flood Expenditures breakdown showing the expenses the City has paid in regards to the flood damage, we are waiting for the FEMA Public Assistance to be granted, the funds will help with recouping expenses. The general fund has been impacted by the cost of the funds paid to flood cost. Discussion on another possible clean up day for the community to be able to get rid of their debris. Jennifer explained there may be cost in January that may cause the general fund to go in the red, the City does have investments that may have to be utilized if this happens.

Mayor

Mayor Bosch explained he is getting up to speed with all his new responsibilities and gathering information as he moves forward as the Mayor.

6. Voucher Approvals

The bills were presented from approval and payment. Check numbers 22109 thru 22143 in the amount \$116,075.81; EFTs in the amount \$130,684.29 & Voided Check 21962 for (\$131.85) & Check #22095 \$457.00 and EFTs: \$213,217.06 in the December open period. Councilmember Postma made a motion to pay the bills, Councilmember Josh Clawson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

7. Executive Session was called for discussion with City Attorney about legal risks for approximately 10-15 minutes RWC42.30.110(1)(i). No action was taken.

8. Adjournment

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

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_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk