



CITY OF SUMAS

City of Sumas Newsletter

May 2016

Upcoming Community Events

June 4: Fishing Derby presented by

The American Legion

June 25: Sumas Com-

munity Days, Car

Show and

Fireworks



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Water Chlorination Scheduled for June 6th-13th

The Sumas Fireworks Display is scheduled for June 25th. The Firework Display is put on solely by donations. If you feel inclined to help make the firework display spectacular this year, monetary donations can be made to the Sumas Chamber of Commerce and can be dropped off at Sumas City Hall.



Come Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Sumas! There will be a City wide potluck celebration on June 18th @ noon. Bring a dish to share to the City Park and plan on eating in the later afternoon. Horseshoes and possibly Karaoke will be available as entertainment.

May - August Events at the Sumas Library

451 2nd Street
360-305-3600

Hours: Monday 10 – 5, Wednesday 10 – 7, Saturday 10 – 5

All events are **FREE**

(you do not need a library card to attend – but library cards are **FREE** too!)

Outdoor Cooking Demonstration and Dutch Oven Potluck: Taste the outdoors! Using a Dutch oven, Deborah Morgan will demonstrate how to cook a main course and dessert over an open flame. Taste the results for yourself through small samples. Just in time for summer camping season and outdoor cooking! If you have a favorite Dutch oven dish, please feel free to bring it to share. For: Adults, Grades 9-12. **Saturday, May 21, 2 PM to 3 PM.**

Sumas Community Memory Talk: Join Deborah Morgan as she reminisces with local community members about the history of Sumas in an informal setting. Contact the library to find out who the guest will be for this month.. This program will take place at the Sumas Community/Senior Center, located in the same building as the library. Come at 6pm to join other community members in a potluck dinner. **Wednesday, June 1, 7PM to 8 PM.**

Kamishibai Man A high energy show using traditional Japanese storytelling tools. . Ice cream, too! **Wednesday, June 8, 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM**

Minecraft Block Party Calling all teen Minecraft lovers! Do you enjoy playing Minecraft with friends or are you new to Minecraft and want to learn more? We will have computers available for use and Minecraft crafts to make while you wait. Join us anytime between 3:00 and 5:00 as we mine, craft, and trade tips! **Wednesday, July 6, 3PM to 5:00 PM**

LEGO Show and Tell Bring in your original creation and tell us all about it! **Wednesday, August 3, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM**

The following programs occur monthly through the end of May:

Sumas Preschool Storytime: Stories , songs and movement, and more for up to age 5. **Every Wednesday through May 25, 10:30 AM to 11 AM**

Teen Gaming: Take a break and do some gaming. Use our tabletop games or bring your own. . For: Grades 6-12. The 1st Wednesday of the month. **Last program is Wednesday, May 4, 4 PM to 5 PM**

LEGO Create and Build: Build, create, show, and share your building skills at this LEGO program for all ages (under 10 must have an adult present). Each session will have a different challenge theme. LEGO bricks provided, you provide the creativity. For: All Ages/Family. Occurs the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **Last program is Wednesday, May 11, 4 PM to 5 PM.**

Teen Create and Take: Create with duct tape, paper crafting, and more at this monthly open creation space. We'll provide the space and supplies, you provide the creativity. Feel free to bring your own projects to work on too! For: Grades 6-12. Occurs the 3rd Wednesday of the month. **Last program is Wednesday, May 18, 4 PM to 5 PM**

Family Make and Take: Create with paper, crafts, and more at this monthly open creation space. We'll provide the space and supplies, you provide the creativity. Feel free to bring your own projects to work on too. Open to all ages; children under 10 must have an adult present. Occurs the 4th Wednesday of the month. **Last program is Wednesday, May 25, 4 PM to 5 PM.**

The following programs occur monthly through the summer:

Sumas Play and Learn Drop-in: Drop in for a time of play and socialization. Toys, books, and activities will be provided. For: Ages 1-5 years. **Wednesdays until September, 10 AM to 12 PM**

Make and Take Activities: Drop in on Wednesday afternoons for fun 'make and take' activities geared for all ages. For: Grades K-12. **Wednesdays until September, 10 AM to 10 AM**

Friends of Sumas Library Meeting: Join the Friends of Sumas Library at their monthly meeting to find out what they are doing to support the library. Share your ideas, volunteer to help out at upcoming events, or just find out what is going on! Meets the second Monday of the month. For: Adults, Grades 9-12. **Meets the following Mondays: May 9, June 13, July 11, 7 PM to 8 PM**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no meeting in August.

Sumas Book Club: Join us for a great read and great discussion (with coffee and treats as a bonus!). Book club meets monthly on the second Saturday. For May the group will discuss *The Fundamentals of Cargiving* by . For June the group will discuss *Truth Like the Sun* by Jim Lynch. For July the group will discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. For August the group will discuss *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. . Stop by the library to pick-up a copy! For: Adults, Grades 9-12. Meets the following Saturdays in the summer: **May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13, 10 AM to 11 AM**

Sumas Writers Group: Are you an aspiring writer? Come join us to improve your writing techniques, get feedback on your writing, and gain information on how to get your work published. All writing styles welcome (novel, short story, comics, etc.). This group meets monthly on the 4th Saturday. Can't make it every month? No problem -- come when you are able! For: Adults, Grades 6-12. Meets the following **Saturdays: May 28, June 25, July 23 and August 27, 10 AM to 11 AM.**

SUMAS COMMUNITY/SR. CENTER May & June Events 360.988.2714
461 Second St. (end of Second St. shares building with Library)

Mondays & Fridays 10:30-1:30

Lunch @ noon: suggested \$5 ages 60+ Under age 60 is \$6. Activities include: Wii bowling, puzzles, pool, brain teasers & trivia & jokes, games & crafts. Special presentations & entertainment.

Foot CARE by CONNIE, RN: 1st Fri. of month
 May 6. June 3. July 1. RSVP: 988.2714

+++++MAY EVENTS+++++

Carol Simmer: Nutrition & You Mon. May 2
 Carol from W.C.C.A. (provides our yummy lunches)
 shares information on healthy eating & we'll make some
 tasty snacks.
Door Prizes! Follows lunch.

May Dazzzee Wed. May 4

MOTHER'S DAY FUN! Fri, May 6
 Wear a Hat: Fun, Frilly, or not....Prizes!
 Foot Care with Connie today, May 6, too.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Sunday, May 8

Fun & Lunch Mon. May 9

Member's BINGO Wed. May 11
 Free for members. Guests \$5 donation please. Potluck at 6, Bring a dish to share/\$donation.

Lunch & Fun Fri. May 13

Lunch & 1 pm Board Meeting Mon. May 16

Claudette Sterk Wed. May 18
 Coming to Croon for us!?...Yodeling for sure!

Lunch Fri. May 20
 Set up for Pancake B'fast & Good Stuff Sale!

SATURDAY, MAY 21
Pancake Breakfast! 8-10:30am
 Sumas Lion's Club & Sr. Center. By Donation
Good Stuff Sale! Until 5pm
 Tables full of new & used
 LOTS of Books from FOSL
 Plants & Snacks too!

Member's BINGO @ 1pm Mon. May 23
 BINGO Free for members, guests' \$5 donation
 (Note: NOT last Monday as we are not open).

Wednesday Evenings: By donation

Open @ 5 Potluck @ 6
Program/Entertainment 7-7:45pm

Spinelli's Spin Variety Show! Wed. May 25
 What will Michael share with us this time? Singin', Stories, Jokes....Fun for sure!

Lunch & FUN! Fri. May 27

CENTER CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY Mon. May 30th

+++++JUNE EVENTS+++++

Sumas Community Historical Talk
 Wed. June 1 @ 7pm. Potluck @ 6pm
 Host Deborah Morgan with local long-time resident.....
 (Come and find out!)
 Always interesting. All invited!

Foot Care with Connie Fri. June 3

Fun & Lunch Mon. June 6

Member's BINGO Wed. June 8
 Potluck at 6. Bring dish to share or \$donation.

Lunch & Fun Fri. June 10 & Mon. June 13

By Request! Wed. June 15
Jean & Dale & Emil will bring their guitar, bass & accordion and YOU bring your requests! Country, R&R, Gospel, Polkas...

Lunch & Father's Day Fun Fri. June 17
 Wear a tie! Trivia of course! Prizes of course!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Sunday, June 19

Lunch & 1 pm Board Meeting Mon. June 20

Old Time Fiddlers Wed. June 22
 This eclectic group have fun sharing their love of music and song.

Lunch & Prep for Sumas Days! Fri. June 24

SATURDAY, June 25 SUMAS DAYS! Meet at Sr. Center at 9:30am for parade float.

Member's BINGO @ 1pm Mon. June 27

Terry Bronkama's "ROAD SHOW"
Wed. June 29th
 Do you have a valuable...?! Let Terry tell you!
 Bring up to 3 items for \$5. Door Prizes too.
6-6:45 Pizza! Salad! Ice cream! *By donation*
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Sumas City Council Minutes

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of February 22, 2016, with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

City Planner Rollin Harper updated the Council regarding the 2016 comprehensive plan and development regulations update currently underway. These updates are required by the State Growth Management Act (GMA). The City has been working with County staff over the past few years and with the City Planning Commission over the past several months to update all chapters from the comprehensive plan, selected components of City development regulations, and the City's critical areas regulations. Planner Harper summarized proposed updates to City development regulations that included changing the Agricultural zone to the Open Space/Agricultural zone, adding adult day-care as a permitted use and duplexes as a conditional use in the Residential, Medium-Density zone, and expanding heavy equipment repair to include vehicle repair as a permitted use in the Industrial zone. Harper also went over the proposed updates to Chapter 15.20 (Critical Areas) that have been developed based on the 'best available science' as required by the GMA. These changes included updating the purpose and applicability sections, adding a number of sections to address protection of wetlands and fish and wildlife habitat areas (drawn from the updated shoreline master program), and updating the sections pertaining to geologically hazardous areas. Through the month of March, Harper will present draft revisions to the comprehensive plan chapters to the City Council. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in March to receive public input regarding proposed comprehensive plan and development regulations updates, and the City will submit all proposed updates to the State in April for review by State agencies. The City Council will hold two public hearings beginning in May and June, and final adoption is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

A committee of Ruben Hernandez, Chris Haugen, and Geri Lewis met with Meg Krieg about the steps that need to be taken in pursuing a town reader board. It was conveyed to Meg that the City does not want to be the lead for the project and that one person should be appointed from each service organization to be on the committee that will organize everything including fund raising and choosing the type of board that will be used.

Geri Lewis handed out a contract with Alliance One who does collections for the municipal court. We have never signed a contract and collection activities would remain unchanged, but a contract would allow them to turn non-payers into the credit bureaus. Jim Wright will look the contract over. Geri also informed councilmen about a 20-40% increase in television rates for Turner Broadcasting (which is TCM, TNT, TBS, CNN, & Headline News). They are in negotiations with NCTC and we have until Friday to opt out. No action was taken.

Ruben Hernandez gave a brief update on Braaksma saying they have finished circuit mapping and are working on fuse sizing. He also informed them that we were successful in getting a \$15,000 matching grant from the Port of Bellingham to offset these costs. The TIB LED Light Grant has been finalized and Ruben has sent in the final paperwork, so all expenses are covered even though we exceeded the initial grant amount. Last Ruben let the council know about the re-routing of water lines to the new ball fields, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. With the lines running through what will be Hovel Estates, it was necessary to move the water lines from that property.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Building Official Sharing Contract. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

Bruce Bosch made a motion to set a Public Hearing for the Marijuana Moratorium for March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #37006 through #37048 in the amount of \$48,027.98 and Payroll Vouchers #20714 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,600.00 were approved for payment after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2016

The Mayor asked everyone to stand and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Sumas City Council met on the evening of March 14, 2016, with all councilmen present except Gary Debont. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

The Public Hearing regarding extending the Marijuana Moratorium for another six months was opened at 7:03 p.m. Jim Wright explained a little about the purpose of extending the moratorium as there are still some unresolved issues that we are watching. There was no one from the public for comment. Todd Daniels made a motion to close the public hearing and Bruce Bosch seconded the motion. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve Ordinance #1674 extending the marijuana moratorium for another six months. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried.

Joel Lepella of 5202 Reese Hill Rd., Sumas, WA, addressed the council regarding a project he is hoping to do behind the city garage on Kneuman Rd. Joel was told to fill out and submit a variance request for the issue he needs to have resolved.

Geri Lewis informed everyone about the Annual NVD Clean up, which is scheduled for April 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Geri then asked for passage of an amendment to the 2016 salary ordinance. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve Ordinance #1675 amending the 2016 Salary Ordinance. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried. Ordinance #1676, correcting Fund numbers for Light Deposits and Television Deposits, was passed after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried. The Clerk-Treasurer informed council members about a couple of dwindling fund balances, causes, and possible resolutions.

Ruben Hernandez told councilmen that he would like to replace some of our lift station panels to ensure dependability. He has tentative pricing of \$3,569.00 each and would like to do one every 3 months to split up the cost. Ruben and the crew will be touring Lynden facilities on Friday. Ruben also reported on the replacement mower needed for mowing this year. The best price on state bid that he found was for a Bad Boy Outlaw zero turn mower from New Holland for \$8,377.95 + tax. He feels this is a superior mower in comparison to power and durability than other bids he has received. The council agreed to the purchase of this mower, so Ruben will go ahead with the deal. He also reported on the renewal of the Pictometry Contract. Jim Wright wants to look at the old contract for comparison, so this will come back to the March 28, 2016 meeting.

The Mayor will talk to other small cities about a resolution that the County Council would like us to adopt with regard to jail services.

Jim briefly went over an ordinance he had prepared on request, regarding the addition of a natural gas utility tax. It was determined that it was advisable to set up a meeting with some of the largest users of natural gas prior to imposing one. Jim also talked about an addition to the city's fee schedule he is working on.

The council went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for 30 minutes, regarding possible litigation.

At 8:30 p.m. the regular council meeting was reconvened.

The new bills were presented to the council for approval. Claims Vouchers #37051 through \$37110 in the amount of \$348,460.63 and Payroll Vouchers #20715 through #20723 in the amount of \$109,707.89 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch which was seconded by Rich Postma and carried. The February Treasurer's Report was approved for filing after a motion by Bruce Bosch. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of March 28, 2016, with all councilmen present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bromley. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

The Final Plat Approval for Hovel Estates was first on the agenda. The Mayor asked Ruben Hernandez to speak on the City's position with regard to the long plat approval. Ruben had seven items in total that he mentioned. He is recommending that the first four items be completed prior to the recording of the final plat and the last three items be address prior to issuance of occupancy permits. This list will be a part of the permanent file. Jason Heutink of Vedder View Lane spoke about the items needing to be completed and is in agreement. Gary Debont made a motion to approve the final plat and the conditions of recording the plat and the issuance of occupancy permits as suggested by the superintendent. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. The two names chosen for street names were present to the council, Cornerstone Court and Cornerstone Drive. Todd Daniels made a motion to approve the street names. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

Mellannie Altona of 239 Front St., addressed councilmen with regard to having a non-motorized bicycle park within the City of Sumas. She indicated that the ball park area was probably the best idea since it has restrooms. Mellannnie indicated that about one-half acre would be needed and that it would be volunteer run and maintained with the dirt being a donation. The Parks Committee (Rich & Josh) will meet with the Altona's to see what they had in mind and where they were thinking it could go. Meanwhile the City Attorney will do some checking into the liability of the City and we will check with our insurance to see what their point of view would be.

Randy Bowen from Lynden, addressed the council regarding the Howard Bowen Memorial Fishing Derby that is sponsored by the American Legion annually. The derby had been held in the Sumas City Park for ever until last year when someone saw and reported an Oregon Spotted Frog in the creek. This evidently is an endangered species so no fish were allowed to be put into the creek. Because of this the only way to have the fishing derby was to move it to one of the retention pods at the new ball fields on Hovel Rd. This worked out so well, that Randy is asking council permission to use the same area to hold the derby this year the first Saturday in June, June 4, 2016. Gary Debont mad a motion to approve the request. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

Ruben Hernandez informed councilmen that he had asked for and received an estimate for a 3-day TV/101 Training at a cost of \$3,000. Clerk-Treasurer Lewis was totally taken aback by the cost as the TV services barely hold their own and we have been under pressure from auditors for it to stand alone for Light. This needs discussion!! Also Andy Meyer is extending Morton St. from Lawson to Sumas Avenue where he plans development of a couple more lots. The 2" water line from Lawson to Sumas will be upgraded to a 4" service with Andy providing the materials and city crew performing the work. Ruben is also doing a cost analysis for the Lawson Street water line which is very old and has had 2 line ruptures in the near past. He is still working on panel change outs for the lift stations. The Pictometry Interlocal Agreement was brought up and Ruben asked that it be passed subject to the city attorneys approval of the indemnification language. Gary Debont made a motion to approve the Interlocal subject to the above language. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mayor talked about the Community Days Fireworks presentation and said the Sumas Chamber will be heading up seeking donations from the public and private businesses to make this happen. It usually cost around \$7500+ to get a good show. Since times are a little tough in Sumas right now, it may be hard to come up with that much money.

The Safety/Environmental Committee (Todd/Josh) will meet with Ruben to look at some tree trimming issues cause by the recent wind storm. Also at issue is a beaver dam and plugged drainage grates.

Ordinance #1677, amending the cemetery ordinance that regulates monuments in the Sumas Cemetery was passed after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried. This action is taken because individuals petitioned the council for special circumstances which might preclude adhering to flat monuments only.

An ordinance adding an Administrative Fee to the City of Sumas Fee Schedule was presented to the council. Ordinance #1678 adding the 10% fee and giving the City Clerk discretion on what might not qualify for the fee, was passed after a motion by Bruce Bosch. Todd Daniels seconded the motion, which carried.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #37111 through #37137 in the amount of \$85,077.25 and Payroll Vouchers #20724 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,6000.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried.

The February Manual Checks were approved in the amount of \$6,631.31 after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried.

The council went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. regarding possible litigation of 10 minutes.

At 7:58 p.m. the regular council meeting was reconvened.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016

The Sumas City Council met in regular session on the evening of April 11, 2016 with all councilmen present. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for filing.

Rich Postma and Josh Clawson reported for the Parks Committee regarding a request for the city to allow a BMX non-motorized bike track somewhere at the ball fields. Rich said they thought an area over by the community garden was a spot that would be good, but the garden would have to be moved somewhat in order to accommodate the track. This area is about 18,000 sq. ft. Council decided more information is needed as to who will do what at the proposed track with regard to set up and maintenance, if it is approved.

The Safety/Environmental Committee, Todd Daniels and Josh Clawson, deferred to Ruben Hernandez regarding assessments of various tree and drainage issues that needed looking at. While doing that, Ruben noticed a collapsed culvert on Kneuman Road that needs to have about 15 feet replaced. This will be revisited this spring.

Chris Haugen reported that the Friends of the Library will be holding a meeting on April 28 at 7 p.m. for community and service club involvement in securing a reader board for the community. Chris will attend and report back to council.

Geri Lewis spoke briefly about general fund issues and the probability of employees feeling the effects of an unanticipated huge expenditure increase and a drop in sales tax revenues. The Light Fund is starting to show some signs of improvement after the last rate increase, so is looking stable right now.

The Clerk-Treasurer also asked for two public hearings to be set for the Comp Plan Updates. Gary Debont made a motion to set the first Comp Plan PH for May 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. and the second Comp Plan PH for June 13, 2016, at 7 p.m. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

Ruben Hernandez reported that Andy Meyer had submitted a Conditional Use Permit Application for 2 duplexes to be built on Morton St. Gary Debont made a motion to set a PH for the CUP for May 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. Rich Postma seconded the motion and it carried. Ruben also reported about a petroleum transloading business that would like to locate on Dave Granger's property. Gary Debont made a motion to set a PH for NGL Supply Terminals CUP for May 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. Ruben gave a brief update on progress being made by Braaksma Engineering. Ruben handed councilmen a quote from Triangle Pump & Equipment for the cost of replacing 3 or 4 Pump Control Panels in a few lift stations that may be problematic. Gary Debont made a motion to use the quote to replace 3 or 4 control panels, replacing one every 3-6 months until all have been replaced at a cost of \$3,569.80 + tax & shipping. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mayor appointed Glen VanWeerdhuizen to replace Stephen Lee on the Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/31/19. Gary Debont made a motion to appoint Glen VanWeerdhuizen and Todd Daniels seconded the motion which carried.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Claims Vouchers #37147 through #37191 in the amount of \$176,332.60 and Payroll Vouchers #20725 through #20733 in the amount of \$111,189.13 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Todd Daniels which carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried. Bruce Bosch made a motion to approve the March Manual Checks in the amount of \$14,466.71. Gary Debont seconded the motion and it carried.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Daniels seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2016

The Mayor led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members were present and the minutes of the April 11, 2016, were approved for filing.

Josh Clawson and Rich Postma reported for the Parks Committee regarding the BMX non-motorized bicycle course. They have come up with a plan that would work with the bicycle course and the community garden. Josh will call Jim Skillman to see if he will do a bit more tilling of the garden space with the alteration of the spot. We need to get a few things worked out before this gets going. Make sure the signage is adequate and put some sort of rules and regulations for users of the space.

Josh Clawson and Todd Daniels reported for the Safety/Environmental Committee with regard to spring maintenance of stream and land issues. Ruben said the beaver dams and other debris has been removed from the ditches. A 15' section of culvert that collapsed will be repaired tomorrow on Jones Rd. Discussion surrounded the possible trimming and/or removal of trees on Teresa Josephson's property that are possibly dangerous. Ruben was asked to get some prices from an arborist on pricing for trimming or cutting trees.

Chief Haugen reminded everyone about the meeting on April 28, 2016, at 7 p.m. about a community reader board.

Clerk-Treasurer Lewis asked for passage of two ordinances with regard to changing fund numbers and adding several new funds. Ordinance #1680 which changes fund numbers for the Light and TV Deposit Funds was passed after a motion from Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried. Ordinance #1681 which adds Fund 624, Fund 632, and Fund 633, was passed after a motion by Gary Debont and a second by Bruce Bosch which carried.

Attorney Jim Wright went over the two ordinances for a tax on natural gas users and natural gas distributors which has been discussed at a couple of committee meetings. Gary Debont made a motion to pass Ordinance #1679 which levies a natural gas distribution tax. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. Gary Debont also made a motion to pass Ordinance #1682 which levies a used tax on the private use of natural gas. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried. Jim also explained the paperwork necessary to permit a cash deposit in lieu of a bond for Hovel Estates Phase I for work that still needs to be completed. Gary Debont made a motion to authorize the deposit in lieu of bond in the amount of \$49,525.00. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and it carried.

The new bills were presented to the Finance Committee for approval and payment. Vouchers #37193 through #37223 in the amount of \$29,119.65 and Payroll Voucher #20734 plus the Direct Deposit Run in the amount of \$19,600.00 were approved after a motion by Bruce Bosch and a second by Gary Debont which carried.

Council adjourned to Executive Session regarding legal matters at 7:35 p.m. for approximately 10 min.

At 7:50 p.m. the regular session was resumed.

Bruce Bosch asked about the Second St. home that burned last August. The Police Department will start the abatement process to get the mess taken care of.

Josh Clawson made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Bosch seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

This newsletter is meant to increase awareness and communication of events and news to the citizens of the City of Sumas. If you have any comments/suggestions or if you would like the newsletter sent directly to your email address, please send an email to mboost@cityofsumas.com



May 30th is Memorial Day!

Did you know.....

- Memorial Day was celebrated on May 30 for decades, but in 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May and a federal holiday.
- Memorial Day originally honored military personnel who died in the Civil War (1861-1865).
- It wasn't always Memorial Day — it used to be known as Decoration Day.
- Even though Memorial Day began as a holiday honoring Union soldiers, some states still have Confederate observances. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day on Jan. 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Facts taken from: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/05/22/historical-facts-memorial-day/27817017/>

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