



Sumas City Council Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

PRESENT

Mayor Bruce Bosch
Council Member Josh Clawson
Council Member Richard Postma
Council Member Jessica Koehler
Council Member David Daniels

ABSENT

Council Member Todd Daniels

1. Opening Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

2. Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

- a. Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve June 8, 2026, Minutes. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Citizen Input

Stacey Daly, Wilson Lane, requested road closures for Sumas Community Days on June 27, 2026. The requested road closures are Sumas Avenue from the tennis courts to the bridge; Second and Third Streets between Sumas Avenue and Cherry Street; and Railroad Avenue while the parade is being staged.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve the road closures for Community Days. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Postma made a motion to waive the road closure fee. Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Nicole Sandoval-Postma, Wilson Lane, asked when residents should expect answers to questions raised during citizen input. She asked whether information could be added to the website explaining how the meeting process works.

4. Old Business

a. Draft Resolutions for Property Surplus and Sale or Exchange

Jim Wright, City Attorney, explained that the first resolution would require offers to be brought back before the Council for review. The second resolution would allow City staff to authorize the sale of the property and approve the offer for the sale.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve Resolution 857, in format one, for the sale or exchange of City property to be brought back to Council for approval. Councilmember Clawson seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Bull-A-Rama request for a Beer Garden on July 11, 2026, at Rodeo Grounds

Michelle Quinn stated that Bull-A-Rama requested approval for a beer garden at the rodeo grounds on July 11, 2026. Staff recommended adjusting the fencing so it would not cover both sidewalks and closing the beer garden at 10:30 p.m.

Councilmember Clawson made a motion to approve the beer garden for Bull-A-Rama on July 11, 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the rodeo grounds. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

6. Flood Committee

Councilmember Koehler attended the WID meeting and stated it was similar to previous meetings. She expressed appreciation for Sunny Aulakh and Jerry DeBruin for advocating for Sumas regarding flood issues.

Mayor Bosch, Chief DeBruin, and Public Works Director Aulakh met with SCJ Consultants to discuss the history of flooding in Sumas and how recent changes are contributing to the flood narrative.

7. Staff Reports

Chief of Police

Chief DeBruin stated that preparations for Community Days were complete and that he had met with Stacey and Lizette to review the parade route.

Public Works Director

Public Works Director Aulakh stated that Keith Boon will be involved with WID and the ditching district, with the goal of beginning debris removal. FEMA has withdrawn some funding for projects SWID had planned to start.

City Clerk

1. Memo - Step Increase for Mollie Bost

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to approve Mollie Bost's salary increase to step four of the salary schedule, effective June 1, 2026. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Request for a Public Hearing for Transportation Improvement Program July 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Councilmember Clawson made a motion to set the public hearing for the Transportation Improvement Program for July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Christian Reform Church request for Road Closure July 06 – 10, 2026

The Christian Reformed Church requested a road closure on Sumas Avenue, from Third Street and Columbia Street to the bridge, for Vacation Bible School from July 6-10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Councilmember Postma made a motion to close Sumas Avenue from Third Street and Columbia Street to the bridge. Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Postma made a motion to waive the road closure fee. Councilmember Koehler seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

8. Voucher Approvals

Bills were presented for approval and payment, including checks numbered 45217 through 45231 in the amount of \$36,306.96 and EFTs totaling \$113,785.02.

Councilmember Koehler made a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

9. Adjournment

Councilmember Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Postma seconded; all were in favor, and the motion carried.

_____, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Clerk